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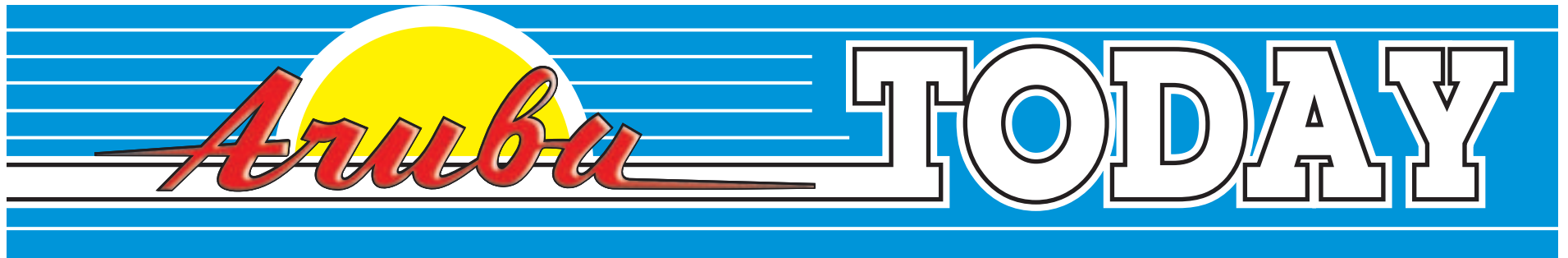
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Caution and Calm Urged At Ebola Session

Nurse Barbara Smith, left, and Dr. Bryan Christensen demonstrate the proper way for health care workers to use personal protective equipment when dealing with Ebola during an education session in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. Thousands of participants, mostly health care workers, attended the session to review basic facts about Ebola and updated guidelines for protection against its spread.

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NEW YORK - As thousands of health care workers watched raptly, a federal government doctor clad

in a green impermeable gown, booties and a face shield that looked like a welder's mask demonstrated the latest protocols for fighting Ebola at a huge

training session in New York on Tuesday.

It was the highlight of a conference at the Javits Convention Center in Manhattan that brought

together janitors, security guards, doctors, nurses and other workers from hospitals across the city who have been anticipating the possible arrival of the virus in

New York and wondering whether they are sufficiently trained and equipped to deal with it.

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Terrorist ideology blamed in Canada car attack

BENJAMIN SHINGLER
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Associated Press

SAINT-JEAN-SUR-RICHELIEU, Quebec (AP) — A young convert to Islam who killed a Canadian soldier in a hit-and-run had been on

cording to Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner Bob Paulson.

He first came to attention of authorities in June because of Facebook postings that showed he had become radicalized and wanted

rest him for having radical thoughts.

It was not known whether Couture-Rouleau had any ties to Islamic militant groups.

"He was part of our investigative efforts to try and

ing but that he never felt threatened by him. Fortin said Couture-Rouleau's father was worried as he became increasingly radicalized and "tried everything," to help him.

A Quebec business data

FBI says US girls may have tried to join with jihadis

SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — The FBI said Tuesday that it's investigating the possibility that three teenage girls from the Denver area tried to travel to Syria to join Islamic State extremists.

An FBI spokeswoman says agents helped bring the girls back to Denver after stopping them in Germany. Spokeswoman Suzie Payne says they're safe and have been reunited with their families.

The girls are two sisters, ages 17 and 15, and a 16-year-old from another family, said Glenn Thompson, bureau chief of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department, whose officers took missing persons reports on the girls Friday. Their families told deputies they had left home without giving any indication of where they were headed, Thompson said.

The sisters had stayed home from school sick, and the 16-year-old never reported to school, which alarmed her family, Thompson said. The families reported no prior problems with the girls.

"Neither reported any knowledge of where they might have gone," he said. "The deputies just took a report."

They returned to the home Sunday to close the case after they learned the girls had been returned.

The announcement comes one month after 19-year-old Shannon Conley of Arvada, Colorado, pleaded guilty to charges that she conspired to help militants in Syria.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Denver declined to comment on the latest cases. It's unclear whether the girls will face charges.

Crimes committed by juveniles are treated as acts of "delinquency" in the federal system and are not handled the same way as crimes committed by adults. Authorities have not said how they think the girls became interested in helping the Islamic State militants. □



In a Monday Oct. 20, 2014 photo, a car is overturned in a ditch in a cordoned off area in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. One of two soldiers hit by a car on Monday in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., died of his injuries early Tuesday, according to Quebec provincial police. Martin Couture-Rouleau, 25, of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, was shot and killed by police after he struck two members of the Canadian military with his car Monday in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. An official familiar with the case said Rouleau had become influenced by radical Islam.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Pascal Marchand)

the radar of federal investigators, who feared he had jihadist ambitions and seized his passport when he tried to travel to Turkey, authorities said Tuesday.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said the attack Monday was "clearly linked to terrorist ideology." Quebec Police spokesman Guy Lapointe said the act was deliberate and that one of the two soldiers was in uniform.

Police said the suspect, Martin Couture-Rouleau, called 911 to report his hit-and-run as police chased him in the Quebec city of Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu. He later was shot dead by police after his car flipped over into a ditch and he brandished a knife as he exited his car. A second soldier suffered minor injuries in the attack.

Couture-Rouleau, 25, was one of 90 people in the country suspected of intending to join fights abroad or who have returned from overseas, ac-

to leave the country to fight, said Royal Canadian Mounted Police Supt. Martine Fontaine.

Police seized his passport at the airport in July when he tried to travel to Turkey, Fontaine said. He was arrested and questioned but there wasn't enough evidence to charge him with a crime, she said.

Fontaine said police subsequently met with him several times, including as recently as Oct. 9, when she said he indicated that wanted to take steps to change. They also met his parents and the imam of his mosque and tried to exert a positive influence over him.

"Many interventions with him were carried out to try and avoid the tragic events," Fontaine said. "It's very difficult when someone is planning an act alone and there is no obvious preparation involved and used a vehicle as a weapon."

She said they couldn't ar-

identify those people who might commit a criminal act travelling abroad for terrorist purposes," Paulson said.

Canada raised its domestic terror threat level from low to medium Tuesday due to "an increase in general chatter from radical Islamist organizations like ISIL, al-Qaida, al-Shabab and others who pose a clear threat to Canadians," said Jean-Christophe de Le Rue, a spokesman for the public safety minister.

"This increase is not the result of a specific threat," de Le Rue said.

Nobody answered the door at Couture-Rouleau's single story white brick home in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, where he lives with his father.

Neighbor Daniel Fortin said he had known Couture-Rouleau since he was a child.

Fortin said over the past year or so, he grew out his beard and began wearing loose-fitting Muslim cloth-

base shows he started a water-pressure cleaning company in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu in 2012 with two other people.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper said the slain soldier, 53-year-old Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, was a 28-year veteran with "distinguished service."

"This was a despicable act of violence that strikes against not just this soldier and his colleagues but frankly against our very values as a civilized democracy," Harper said in Parliament.

Lapointe said the suspect sat in his car in the parking lot outside a veterans' support center for at least two hours before the hit and run. He said the other soldier is in stable condition with minor injuries.

The case is similar to one in London last year in which an al-Qaida-inspired extremist and another man ran over a soldier with a car before hacking the off-duty soldier to death. □

'Blade Runner' Pistorius gets 5 years in prison

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

GERALD IMRAY

Associated Press

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)

— Oscar Pistorius was sentenced to five years in prison Tuesday for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp, completing a transformation from an acclaimed sprinter at the 2012 Olympics to a convicted criminal led away in a police van with barred windows. Wearing a dark suit, the double-amputee athlete was subdued when Judge Thokozile Masipa announced the punishment in a Pretoria courtroom, ending a televised trial that was closely followed at home and abroad by those who once admired him.

The man known as the "Blade Runner" because of his carbon-fiber running blades will have to serve 10 months, or one-sixth of his sentence, in prison before he is eligible to be moved to house arrest, legal analysts say.

South Africans seemed torn between acceptance of the ruling, touted by some as an example of judicial accountability in a nation that shed white racist rule 20 years ago, and nagging concern that Pistorius received leniency because he was rich and famous.

"Crime is crime and you'll pay for it," said Petrus Lekota, a Johannesburg resident who noted that Pistorius' well-paid legal team was unable to keep him out of jail.

However, law student Yazeed Mia was surprised that Masipa had earlier acquitted Pistorius of murder and instead convicted him of the lesser crime of culpable homicide, or negligent killing.

"He's now set a precedent for future crimes," Mia said. "If a man wants to kill his wife, all he has to do is wait for her to go to the bathroom and shoot her through the door."

Even if he leaves prison early, his running career is in doubt. The 27-year-old Pistorius, who has won six Paralympic gold medals, will be ineligible to com-

pete in those events during the entirety of his five-year prison sentence, "regardless of where it is served," the International Paralympic Committee said. Pistori-

delivered an hour-long, nuanced argument that dwelled on case law, the principle of clemency, the danger that a light sentence could embolden

her with hands clasped in front of him. He was then led down a staircase in the middle of the courtroom, stopping briefly to grip the hands of his uncle, Arnold Pistorius, and other family members who have attended nearly every day of the trial that began March 3.

Still in his suit, Pistorius left the courthouse in a police van with caged windows. A crowd gathered around, with some whistling, shouting and banging on the sides of the vehicle.

He later arrived at the nearby Kgosi Mampuru II prison, which has had problems with violence and overcrowding.

Authorities, however, said Pistorius would be held away from the general prison population because of his disability and high profile — possibly in a hospital wing or a high-security section.

Miles Bhudu, a former inmate who now campaigns for prisoners' rights, said the medical unit would be a relatively comfortable place to stay.

In contrast, he said, other sections of the prison had "chronically overcrowded" communal cells with about 60 prisoners sharing "one shower, one basin and one toilet."

term for negligent handling of a firearm in a separate case — the discharge of a gun in a crowded restaurant in January 2013, shortly before he killed Steenkamp. Masipa asked Pistorius to stand as she delivered the sentence, and he faced

victims to take the law into their own hands, and the difference between public opinion and what is in the interests of society.

"I am of the view that a non-custodial sentence would send a wrong message to the community," she said. "On the other

us still could challenge that decision.

Millions around the world and in South Africa saw Pistorius as a symbol of determination over adversity, and he enjoyed lucrative sponsorship deals, all of them now canceled.

His work with charity, including disabled children, burnished his image, and people warmed to his easygoing, charismatic side.

But he also took personal risks with fast cars and motorbikes, and he said in a 2012 interview with The Associated Press that a 2009 high-speed boat crash made him realize "that I need to make some changes, and some of them need to be with my lifestyle."

In reaching the verdict against Pistorius last month, Masipa accepted his account that he accidentally shot Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model and television personality, through a closed toilet door in his home after mistaking her for an intruder on Valentine's Day 2013.

At the sentencing, Masipa



Oscar Pistorius sits in court in Pretoria, South Africa, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014 after judge Thokozile Masipais sentence Pistorius to five years imprisonment for culpable homicide in the killing of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp last year.

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Caution and calm urged at Ebola session

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The session, more than three hours, turned out to be part pep rally and part training conference, as Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio kicked off events with speeches that took pains to pay tribute to 1199 SEIU, the powerful health care workers union that was one of the organizers. "What's going to kill this disease is knowledge, is training, is preparation," Cuomo said. The governor said he remembered anthrax in 2001, the advent of HIV in the 1980s and even the discovery of Ebola in 1976, the year he turned 19, adding, in a Wikipedia-like note,

that "it was named for a river in the Congo." He vowed New York would be different from Dallas, where two nurses have contracted the virus after caring for Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who died on Oct. 8, because New York had more time to prepare. "Keep the anxiety down, keep the fear down, because it's unnecessary," Cuomo told the workers who filled the hangar-style convention center. "It's not right, and it only makes the situation more complex for all of us to deal with." But the demonstration of personal protective equipment, or PPE, was what most workers in the audience had been waiting for. Protective techniques



Participants in an Ebola education session look over printed materials in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. Thousands of participants, mostly health care workers, attended the session to review basic facts about Ebola and updated guidelines for protection against its spread.

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had been evolving rapidly and had been updated only the night before by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Bryan Christensen, a doctor on the CDC's Domestic Infection Control Team for the Ebola Response, stood onstage, his image broadcast on two giant screens, to convey the latest details. Demonstrating the kind of buddy system that the CDC recommends, he posed as the "trained observer" who made sure the nurse onstage with him correctly put on and took off her equipment. "Margins of safety" was his buzz phrase, repeated again and again. Even gloved hands should be disinfected with alcohol rub, a new requirement to add a margin of safety, he said. Officials advised that while some layers of protection were good, too many layers were bad, because

they made it more difficult to work and to take off the layers, increasing the risk of contamination. In answer to questions from the audience about what kind of cleaning solutions would work against Ebola, officials said while the virus was technically an "enveloped" virus, the best approach was to observe a margin of safety by using a solution approved for "non-enveloped" viruses. A solution marked as effective against norovirus would work, they said. "Practice, practice, practice," was the other mantra, as officials said that watching a demonstration was not enough. The telephone is "one of the most powerful weapons" was yet another aphorism, delivered several times in so many words by Dr. Arjun Srinivasan, the CDC's associate director for preventing health-care-related infections. □

New rules adopted in hopes of spurring home loans



Larry McKirahan mows his front yard in Rushsylvania, Ohio. Long seen as having devastated Sun Belt cities, the subprime mortgage crisis unleashed turmoil on Ohio and other rural areas. Now federal officials are pledging regulatory attention and financial help.

(AP Photo/Jay LaPrete)

MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buying a home may have gotten a little easier this week. With the financial crisis and subprime mortgage bust receding further into history, the government is loosening some financial rules, hoping to inject more life into the country's still-recovering housing market. Both banks and borrowers stand to benefit from the new rules unveiled Tuesday by six federal agencies. While banks will see relaxed guidelines for packaging and selling mortgage securities, fewer borrowers likely will need to make hefty down payments. The board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. voted 4-1 Tuesday to adopt the new rules, and two other agencies approved them as well. The Federal Reserve has scheduled a vote for Wednesday, and two other agencies are expected to adopt the rules soon.

The regulators have dropped a key requirement: a 20-percent down payment from the borrower if a bank didn't hold at least 5 percent of the mortgage securities tied to those loans on its books. The long-delayed final rules include the less stringent condition that borrowers not carry excessive debt relative to their income.

The rules for the multitrillion-dollar market for mortgage securities will take effect in a year. For other kinds of securities such as those bundling together auto loans or commercial loans, which don't allow banks an exemption from the 5-percent rule, the effective date is in two years. The rules, first proposed in 2011, were mandated by the overhaul law enacted in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. The idea was to limit the kind of risky lending that brought on the crisis.

If banks have more of their own money invested in mortgage securities — so-called "skin in the game" — they won't be as likely to take excessive risks, the thinking goes.

Some critics warned that abandoning the 20-percent down payment condition could bring a return to the dangerous days of borrowers taking on heavy mortgage loans that they aren't in a position to repay.

After three years of inter-agency haggling, the regulators' final, compromise approach was to adopt the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's definition of a "qualified" mortgage. It excludes the kind of risky practices that fueled the crisis, such as mortgages issued without any supporting documents

from borrowers.

CFPB Director Richard Cordray, a member of the FDIC board, noted at Tuesday's meeting that conditions in the mortgage market have changed since the financial crisis, when anxiety over reckless lending gripped lawmakers. "Credit has dried up for a long period and (lending) standards have tightened dramatically," he said.

Experts say it's hard to predict whether the regulators' move will actually boost mortgage lending and the housing market. Anthony Sanders, a real estate finance professor at George Mason University, also suggested that it could re-open the door to risky lending.

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US democrats love seeing minimum wage on ballot

SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — As Democrats across the U.S. make an election-year push to raise the minimum wage, they often point to fast food workers, baristas and

Democrats work to identify themselves as stalwarts for the middle class and to paint Republicans — who typically oppose raising the wage because they say it will lead to job cuts — as uncaring.

positions with Republican positions, I thought was a worthy issue for this election campaign."

Illinois Democrats are fighting to keep control of one of the party's last strongholds in the Midwest. Gov.

out, he also managed to catch country artist Garth Brooks during the first stop of the musician's tour.

The wage measures are found in other states with hard-fought races, including Alaska and Arkansas, where the outcome could determine whether Democrats keep control of the U.S. Senate. The party also is battling to pick up a congressional seat in Nebraska and keep a Senate seat in South Dakota. Durbin said Democrats have been "victimized" in the past when Republicans put their own turnout-stoking measures like gay marriage bans on the ballot in conservative states. Quinn's opponent, Bruce Rauner, is among the Republicans accusing Democrats of playing games with the wage issue. "If he was serious about this, he could have gotten it done" in the Democratic-controlled Legislature, Rauner said. Quinn says he hopes an overwhelming vote in support on the ballot measure will persuade reluctant legislators to approve an increase.

The impact of raising the minimum wage has been much debated over the years. A report by the Congressional Budget Office in February estimated that a federal minimum wage of \$10.10 (€7.91) an hour, which President Barack Obama supports, could cost 500,000 jobs nationwide. But the 13 states that raised their minimum wages at the beginning of 2014 were adding jobs at a faster pace than those that did not, according to a Labor Department analysis in July of state-by-state hiring

data.

Minimum wage proposals tend to be popular even in conservative states, said John Matsusaka, a University of Southern California economist who studies public ballot issues. All 10 of the statewide measures considered since 2000 have passed, he said.

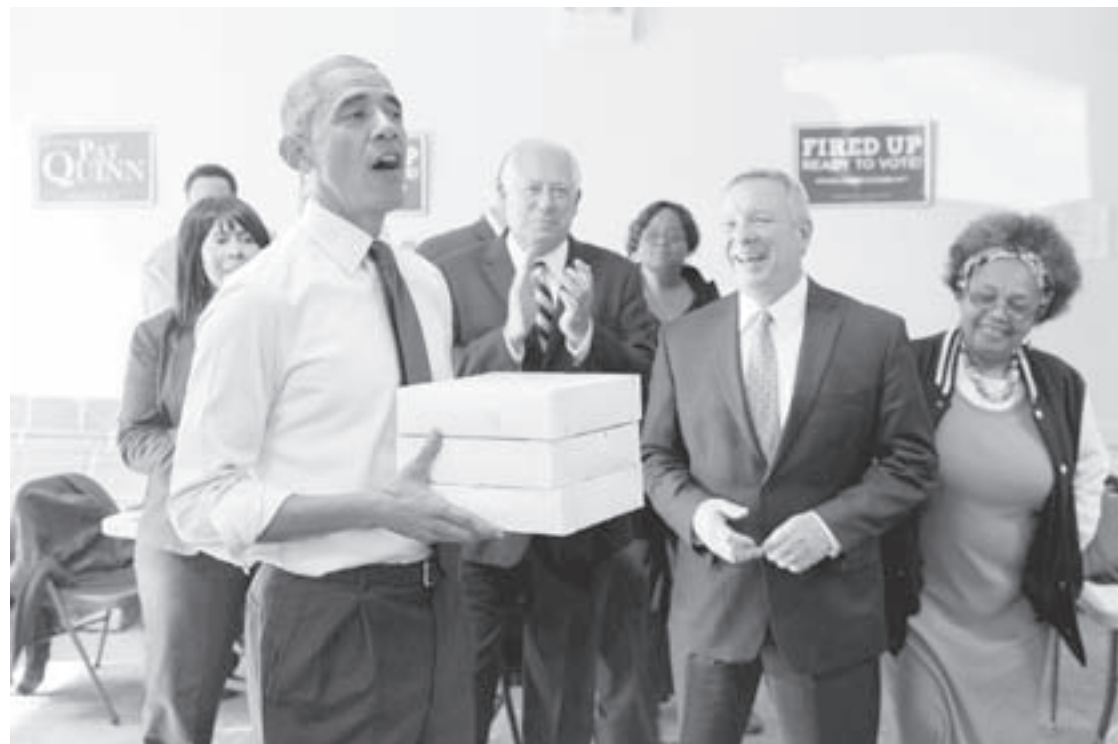
Although ballot initiatives generally increase turnout by about 1 or 2 percent, Matsusaka said, it's less clear how they affect candidates on the ballot.

The popularity of the issue has put some Republican candidates in a difficult spot. In Alaska, Senate candidate Dan Sullivan opposed a federal minimum wage hike during the GOP primary campaign then came out for the state minimum wage measure in his general election race against Democratic Sen. Mark Begich.

Democratic Sen. Mark Pryor and his Republican opponent, Tom Cotton, have both endorsed the state-level ballot measure in Arkansas, but Cotton had previously said the issue should be left for voters to decide.

Democratic officials in Nebraska hope the wage issue makes a difference in the close race between Democrat Brad Ashford and Republican incumbent Lee Terry in an Omaha-based congressional district.

In South Dakota, where Democratic U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson's retirement created an open seat, Democrat Rick Weiland helped carry signed petitions to the Secretary of State's office to get the minimum wage issue on the ballot.



Gov. Pat Quinn, D-Ill., center, and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., second from right, watch as President Barack Obama delivers doughnuts and pastries to Democratic campaign volunteers in Chicago. As Democrats across the U.S. make an election-year push to raise the minimum wage, they often point to fast food workers, baristas and others who are struggling to raise families, pay rent or get through school — some on as little as \$7.25 (€5.68) per hour.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

others who are struggling to raise families, pay rent or get through school — some on as little as \$7.25 (€5.68) per hour.

First, though, they are out to help themselves.

Looking to motivate younger people, minorities and others in their base to go to the polls on Nov. 4, the party has put questions on the ballot in five states asking voters whether the minimum wage should be increased. The issue is also a near-constant topic on the campaign trail, as

In one state, Illinois, the campaign to support the minimum wage wouldn't actually raise the wage. The ballot question is non-binding and would only ask voters their opinion.

But for getting out the vote, the issue is "a winner with everybody in our state," said Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who said he urged party leaders to put it on the ballot. "So encouraging people to vote that issue when it came to the ballot questions, and contrasting Democratic

Pat Quinn, with backing from labor unions, has hit his wealthy Republican rival repeatedly for earlier statements that he wanted to cut and even eliminate the minimum wage, calling him an "out-of-touch" multimillionaire.

Quinn also spent a week trying to live on a minimum wage budget and talking about the experience on the trail. While the Chicago Democrat said he ate Graham Crackers for dinner and had to order water instead of drinks when dining



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US Financial Front:

America's existing home sales rise in September



A "For Sale" sign is posted on a home in Monterey Park, Calif. The National Association of Realtors released existing home sales for September on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/Nick Ut)

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. homes sold in September at their fastest clip this year, a sign that the housing market is shaking off a slowdown that began in the middle of 2013.

The National Association of Realtors said Tuesday that sales of existing homes rose 2.4 percent from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.17 million. Still, the sales rate has dropped 1.7 percent over the past 12 months.

Investors have retreated from the market over the past year. Their departures are being offset by existing homeowners who are upgrading to more expensive properties or downsizing after having raised their children. First-time buyers comprised just 29 percent of sales, well below their historic average of roughly 40 percent.

The figures suggest that the sales decline that began last year has ended, al-

though home-buying is unlikely to surge back to their historic averages.

"The worst is over, but don't expect a rapid rebound in activity or prices," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

Rising prices through much of 2013, weak income growth and tighter credit standards have pushed some would-be buyers out of the market. Median home prices rose 5.6 percent over the past 12 months to \$209,700.

Many homeowners are still coping with the fallout from the meltdown in home prices that began roughly seven years ago. And prices continue to recover from the depths of that housing bust, although that growth has slowed after climbing at double digit levels in many cities last year.

Median household incomes have yet to completely rebound and remain below their 2007 levels after adjusting for inflation. Limited income gains

have cut into the cash flow and down payment savings needed to purchase a home. The federal regulator overseeing mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac is considering an option for lower down payments, so that more people can qualify for a mortgage.

Federal regulators agreed Tuesday to loosen some credit regulations. The board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. voted 4-1 to remove a requirement that borrowers must provide a 20 percent down payment if their bank doesn't hold on its books at least 5 percent of the mortgage securities tied to its home loans.

More buyers may also return the market after the average 30-year fixed rate mortgages dropped below 4 percent last week, down more than half a percentage point from the start of 2014. Still, average rates were as low as 3.34 percent in January 2013, and there are few signs that home sales will surge any time soon.

The market has also tilted more toward buyers. The online real estate brokerage Redfin reported that only 44 percent of its offers have faced bidding wars in October, compared to a high of 75 percent in March 2013. Additional homes

may also come onto the market toward the end of the year as investors plan to sell for tax reasons, possibly making conditions more preferable for buyers, said Redfin chief economist Nela Richardson.

September sales improved in the South and West compared to the prior month, ticked up slightly in the Northeast and fell in the Midwest, according to the Realtors' report. The share of purchases by investors fell to 14 percent from 19 percent a year ago.

The Realtors have projected that 4.94 million existing homes will be sold this year, down 3 percent from 5.09 million in 2013. Analysts generally associate sales of roughly 5.5 million existing homes with a healthy market. A separate Realtors index tracking the number of signed contracts to purchase a home slipped in August, falling 1 percent compared with the prior month to 104.7. Pending sales are a barometer of future purchases. □

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AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — America has rejected the idea of cappuccino-flavored Lay's potato chips.

Frito-Lay says Wasabi Ginger won its contest that gives people a chance to create a new flavor, beating out the coffee-flavored chips and the two other finalists — Mango Salsa and Cheddar Bacon Mac & Cheese. Parent company PepsiCo Inc. says about 1 million total votes were cast online for the Do Us A Flavor promotion, a sales driver it has launched in more than a dozen countries.

In the U.S., bags of the four finalist flavors hit shelves in late July and people were able to vote on Facebook and Twitter for their favorites through this past weekend. It was the second year for the U.S. contest, which is designed to send customers to stores in search of the flavors. Last year's winner, Cheesy Garlic Bread, is still on shelves.

The winner, Meneko Spigner McBeth, was informed

at a dinner for finalists Monday night in New York City. McBeth, a registered nurse from Deptford, New Jersey, will get \$1 million or a set percentage of a year in sales, whichever figure is larger.



This photo shows a bag of Cappuccino flavor chips from Frito-Lay's second annual "Do Us a Flavor" contest in the United States. Frito-Lay says Wasabi Ginger won its contest, beating out Cappuccino, Mango Salsa and Cheddar Bacon Mac & Cheese. (AP Photo/Frito-Lay)

Ram Krishnan, Frito-Lay's chief marketing officer, said this year's winner is

evidence Americans want more ethnic flavors, even though the top four Lay's flavors remain Original, Barbecue, Cheddar & Sour Cream and Sour Cream & Onion. He said he couldn't have imagined Lay's selling a Wasabi Ginger flavor when he joined the company eight years ago.

"We're kind of getting into a new flavor territory," Krishnan said. "When I went to school, Mexican food was exotic."

As for the cappuccino flavor — which was described as "NASTY" and "gross" in some comments on Lay's Facebook page — Krishnan defended its performance, although he wouldn't say how many votes it got.

"The fact that it made it out of our selection process to make it to the final four is no small feat," he said.

The contest began in the United Kingdom, where Frito-Lay sells chips under the Walkers brand. Since then, it was launched in 14 countries before coming to the U.S. last year. Winning flavors in other countries include Pizza in Saudi Arabia, Shrimp in Egypt, Sunday Roast in New Zealand, Pickled Cucumber in Serbia and Aline's Caesar Salad in Australia.

Given its success, Krishnan said the company is looking to launch the contest in other countries as well.

Krishnan wouldn't specify how much of a sales lift the contest provides. But in the latest quarter that ended Sept. 6, PepsiCo, based in Purchase, New York, said revenue for its Frito-Lay North America division rose 3 percent, reflecting a 2 percent gain in volume and 1 percent gain from higher prices.

McDonald's CEO says changes needed for its US restaurants

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AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — After posting yet another disappointing quarter, McDonald's CEO Don Thompson said Tuesday the company hasn't been keeping up with the times and that changes are in store for its U.S. restaurants.

Thompson said that starting in January McDonald's will "simplify" its menu to make room for restaurants to offer options that are best-suited for their regions. To offer greater customization, he also said the company planned to expand its "Create Your Taste" offering that lets people pick the buns and toppings they want on burgers by tap-

is long-held perceptions around the freshness and quality of its ingredients. The chain has been fighting to boost sales as people gravitate toward foods they feel are more wholesome. As a result, people have been gravitating to places like Chipotle, which markets its ingredients as being of superior quality.

In fact, Chipotle's sales at established locations surged 19.8 percent in the third quarter. Steve Ells, Chipotle's co-CEO, said the results show people are realizing "there are better alternatives to traditional fast food" and that he expects the trend to continue.

Some analysts questioned whether the moves that



A McDonald's Big Mac sandwich is photographed at a McDonald's restaurant in Robinson Township, Pa. After McDonald's reported disappointing quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, CEO Don Thompson said Tuesday that changes are in store for its U.S. restaurants.

(AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

ping a touchscreen. The program is currently being offered in Southern California, and McDonald's has said it will roll it out nationally in Australia.

"We haven't been changing at the same rate as our customers' eating-out expectations," Thompson conceded during a conference call outlining the changes.

The remarks came after McDonald's said sales at established locations fell 3.3 percent globally and in the U.S. division, marking the fourth straight quarter of declines in its home market. Profit sank 30 percent.

The changes come as McDonald's continues to struggle with myriad problems. One of its biggest challenges in the U.S.

McDonald's has in store will be enough to fix its problems. Sara Senatore, a Bernstein restaurant analyst, noted that the company efforts seem focused on marketing around its food, rather than changing recipes. McDonald's, meanwhile, launched a social media campaign last week inviting customers to ask questions about its food. It began with frank questions like, "Why doesn't your food rot?" and "Is the McRib made from real pork?" showing just how bad some of the perceptions about McDonald's food can be.

Over in China, an undercover TV report this summer showed one of its major suppliers repackaging expired meat.

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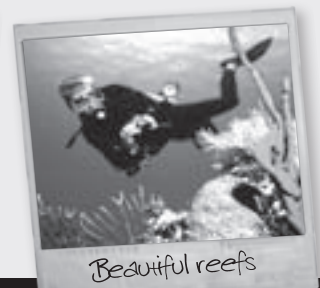
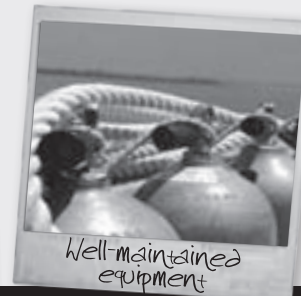


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IS fighters seize weapons cache meant for Kurds

DIAA HADID
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State group fighters seized at least one cache of weapons air-dropped by U.S.-led coalition forces that were meant to supply Kurdish militiamen battling the extremist group in a border town, activists said Tuesday.

The cache of weapons included hand grenades, ammunition and rocket-propelled grenade launchers, according to a video uploaded by a media group loyal to the Islamic State group. The video appeared authentic and corresponded to The Associated Press' reporting of the event. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which bases its information on a network of activists on the ground, said the militants had seized at least one cache. The caches were air-dropped early on Monday to Kurds in the embattled Syrian town of Kobani that lies near the Turkish border. The militant group has been trying to seize the town for over a month now, causing the exodus of some 200,000 people from the area into Turkey. While Kurds are battling on the ground, a U.S.-led coalition is also targeting the militants from the air.

On Tuesday, IS loyalists on social media posted sarcastic thank you notes to the United States, including one image that said "Team USA."

But the lost weapons drop was more an embarrassment than a great strategic loss. The Islamic State militants already possess millions of dollars-worth of U.S. weaponry that they captured from fleeing Iraqi soldiers when the group seized swaths of Iraq in a sudden sweep in June. □

North Korea frees American Jeffrey Fowle

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PYONGYANG/WASHINGTON (AP)

— North Korea's reclusive government abruptly freed an American man Tuesday, nearly six months after he was arrested on charges of leaving a Bible in a nightclub, but Pyongyang refused to hand over two other U.S. citizens who are still being held.

There was no immediate explanation for the release of Jeffrey Fowle, who was quickly whisked to the U.S. territory of Guam before heading back to his wife and three children in Miamisburg, Ohio. Relations between Washington and Pyongyang, never warm, are at a particularly low point, and the U.S. has sought unsuccessfully for months to send a high-level representative to North Korea to negotiate acquittals for all three men.

Fowle's wife, Tatyana, "screamed when I told her," said family attorney Timothy Tepe, who received a call from the State Department with word of the release. Tepe said Fowle himself called his wife soon afterward. "She is ecstatic, excited,"

ed, use whatever word you want," Tepe said.

State Department deputy spokeswoman Marie Harf said Fowle was seen by doctors and appeared to be in good medical health.

Harf would not say whether any American officials had intervened directly with the North Koreans.

"We'll let the North Koreans speak for themselves about why did they de-

tary jet which was spotted at Pyongyang's international airport Tuesday by two Associated Press journalists.

There was no immediate comment from the gov-



In this September 2014 photo, Jeffrey Fowle, an American detained in North Korea speaks to the Associated Press in Pyongyang, North Korea. Fowle, one of three Americans being held in North Korea, has been released, the State Department said Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

She declined to give more details about his release except to thank the government of Sweden, which has an embassy in Pyongyang, for its "tireless efforts."

cide to do this," Harf said. "But we are pleased that he was able to leave, and urge the immediate release of the other two."

Fowle was flown out of North Korea on a U.S. mili-

ernment of North Korean leader Kim Jung Un. The United States has no diplomatic relations with North Korea and strongly warns American citizens against traveling to the country. □

NATO intercepts Russian jets over Baltic Sea

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Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — NATO scrambled fighter jets twice in two days to intercept Russian military aircraft over the Baltic Sea, it said Tuesday amid reports that Russian military activity in the region is increasing.

Lt. Col. Robert Gericke said the Russian aircraft were flying in international airspace and had not violated the territory of alliance members.

Two Canadian F-18 Hornet jets were scrambled from the Siauliai Air Base in Lithuania on Monday to intercept a Russian Ilyushin-20 surveillance aircraft, which they shadowed for some 15 minutes, NATO said.

"Once identification was successful, the intercept mission was completed and the two Hornets returned to their base," a NATO statement said.

Earlier, the Latvian military tweeted that NATO F-16 jets were dispatched on

Tuesday to intercept a Russian Ilyushin-20 surveillance aircraft over the Baltic Sea. Gericke confirmed that NATO jets had also intercepted a Russian aircraft that day, but could not immediately provide more details.

NATO, which has 16 fighter jets in the region monitoring Baltic airspace, said it regularly launches jets to identify "unknown or potentially hostile aircraft" in the proximity of national airspace.

There were two similar incidents in the region on Oct. 7 and Sept. 11, but on neither occasion did the Russian aircraft constitute a threat to NATO forces, the alliance said.

In the past five days, the Swedish Navy has been combing the Stockholm archipelago for signs of a foreign submarine that officials suspect entered its territorial waters illegally. It hasn't officially linked Russia to the suspected intrusion. □



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Hong Kong students, officials talk but don't agree

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Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong student leaders and government officials talked but agreed on little Tuesday as the city's Beijing-backed leader reaffirmed his unwillingness to compromise on the key demand of activists camped in the streets now for a fourth week.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying told reporters that the government won't let the public nominate candidates to run in inaugural direct elections to succeed him in 2017, as demanded by thousands of protesters occupying thoroughfares across the city. But he added that there's room to discuss how to form the key 1,200-member nominating committee. Leung said such changes could be covered in a second round of consultations over the next several months.

"How we should elect the 1,200 so that the nominating committee will be broadly representative -

there's room for discussion there," Leung said. "There's room to make the nominating committee more democratic, and this is one of the things we very much want to talk to not just the students but the community at large about."

Soon after Leung spoke to The Associated Press and three other news agencies, top officials from his government began much-awaited, televised talks with student leaders. In opening remarks, student leader Alex Chow said that

an August decision by China's legislature ruling out so-called civil nomination and requiring the nominating committee has "emasculated" Hong Kong. Chow and four other student leaders, wearing black T-shirts that said

"Freedom Now!," faced off against five senior government officials in dark suits across a U-shaped table.

"We don't want anointment," said Chow, secretary-general of the Hong Kong Federation of Students, one of three groups leading the protests.

The student leaders accused senior officials of "creating the current political problems" by submitting a report to Beijing on electoral reform that "misrepresented the views of the Hong Kong people."

"After suffering from tear gas and police batons, the people of Hong Kong only hope that those with power in Hong Kong's government can openly and sincerely solve the problems that you have created," said Lester Shum, the federation's vice secretary.

Chief Secretary Carrie Lam, the government's No. 2 official, said the government would consider sending another report to Beijing reflecting the protesters' views, though she repeatedly chided the students for being "idealistic" rather than "pragmatic."

The officials stuck to the government line that Hong Kong's mini-constitution cannot be amended to accommodate protesters' demands, while also saying that many others don't share their views.

"We hope you would understand that there are a lot of people who are not in Mong Kok, who are not in Admiralty. There are many people at home who aren't insisting on civil nomination," said Justice Secretary Rimsy Yuen.

Both sides showed little willingness to compromise. Lam said she hoped for further talks though the students weren't sure whether they would continue.



Student leader Alex Chow, center, speaks along with other leaders, during a news conference after the talks with the Hong Kong government officials, in Hong Kong Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. Other leaders are from left to right, Joshua Wong, Yvonne Leung, Eason Chung, Lester Shum, Nathan Law, and the founder of the Occupy Central civil disobedience movement Chan Kin-man.

(AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

Ukraine, Russia pause gas talks without deal

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BRUSSELS (AP) — Ukraine and Russia on Tuesday failed to get a decisive breakthrough in their standoff over gas supplies to Kiev and will resume European Union-sponsored talks next week.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukraine counterpart Petro Poroshenko had agreed on a broad thrust of a deal on Friday, but the issues on how, when and how much Ukraine should pay continued to divide the sides.

"One obstacle is that

Ukraine has not paid its gas bills for 7 months," said EU Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger. "If you go along to the butcher and don't pay your bill for half a year, obviously it is a problem."

Russia is looking for the EU to come up with some sort of financial help to solve the standoff and Kiev has asked the EU for an additional loan of 2 billion euro (\$2.5 billion). The next negotiating session is set for Oct. 29.

"We have made some important progress," Oettinger said. "We hope they

will reach an agreement on a winter package for Ukraine."

He added a long-term solution could wait until after the crucial cold months. Under the cornerstones that have been agreed, Oettinger said that Kiev would settle its debts with a \$1.45 billion payment by the end of the month and \$1.65 billion more by the end of the year.

When it comes to new gas deliveries, Ukraine would pay \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters which Russia should deliver following advance payments by Ukraine, Oet-

tinger said.

The EU Commission said that the Ukraine request for the 2 billion euro loan will be "evaluated in consultation with the IMF and Ukrainian authorities," adding it "remains very committed to supporting Ukraine in line with earlier commitments." This year already, the EU has agreed on an aid package of 11 billion euros (\$14 billion) to boost the economy of Ukraine as it faced with fighting in the east and the breakaway of its southern Crimea region to integrate with Russia.



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Rights group: In Jamaica, LGBT community a target of violence

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Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are the targets of unchecked violence and discrimination in Jamaica, frequently refused housing or employment in the Caribbean country typically described as the region's most hostile to LGBT citizens, a leading human rights group says in a report released Tuesday.

In its 86-page report titled "Not Safe at Home," Human Rights Watch noted that LGBT citizens in Jamaica are often driven from their communities by neighbors and sometimes even family. Some health professionals stigmatize them by casting judgment on their sexuality when they seek care. Police protection against bias and physical attacks is generally poor.

LGBT people in Jamaica "face intolerable levels of violence and cannot rely on the police," Graeme Reid, the organization's LGBT rights director, said in a release. "The authorities from the prime minister on down need to call a halt to the violence and discrimination, prosecute anyone responsible, and get homophobic laws off the books."

The New York-based rights group called on the Jamaican government to strike down the anti-sodomy law that criminalizes anal sex and another that prohibits "acts of gross indecency" between men. While prosecution is rare under Jamaica's 1864 law making sexual intimacy between men a crime, the advocacy organization says it gives "social

sanction to prejudice and helps to create a context in which hostility and violence is directed against LGBT people."

The Human Rights Watch report was the result of five weeks of research conducted last year in Jamaica. It said it interviewed various people, including 71 LGBT citizens — 44 of whom reported being victims of "some form of violence based on their sexual orientation or gender identity." Many LGBT people on the island "live in constant fear," the rights group said.

Gay activists on the island have long called for the anti-sodomy law to be repealed and said they are still discussing the rights group's assertions and recommendations. Jamaica's information minister did not respond to an email seeking comment. Dane Lewis, executive director of the advocacy group Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals & Gays, has said the Caribbean island of 2.7 million people is seeing an increase in "pockets of tolerance," but homophobia remains culturally ingrained.

Human Rights Watch did note that there has been a "groundswell of change in Jamaica in the way it is responding to human rights abuses against LGBT people." It praised Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller and other government leaders for constructive statements about LGBT rights.

But many people in the largely Christian country consider homosexuality to be sinful, and believe the gay rights lobby is a perversion from abroad. □



Cuban Doctor Ronald Hernandez is served coffee before the start of a press event in Havana, Cuba, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. Some of the 91 health workers who will travel to Liberia and Guinea to help with the treatment of Ebola patients were presented to the press.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

Cuba sends 91 doctors to fight Ebola

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HAVANA (AP)

— Every few years Dr. Leonardo Fernandez flies to a nation shaken by natural disaster, political turmoil or disease, leaving his hospital in eastern Cuba for countries that have included Pakistan, Nicaragua and East Timor.

On Tuesday, the intensive care specialist was headed to the epicenter of the Ebola epidemic along with 90 other Cuban medical workers as part of a half-century-old strategy that puts doctors on the front lines of the country's foreign policy.

The 91 nurses and doctors going to Guinea and Liberia join 165 already in Sierra Leone — making this island of 11 million people one of the largest global contributors of medical workers to the fight against Ebola.

The commitment has drawn rare praise from the U.S. and focused worldwide attention on Cuba's unique program of medical diplomacy, which deploys armies of doctors to

win friends abroad and earn more than \$6 billion a year in desperately needed foreign exchange.

Cuba has more than 50,000 medical workers in more than 60 countries, many in nations like Brazil that pay hundreds of millions a year for their services. Others are on humanitarian missions that generate good will abroad and bolster Cuba's efforts to portray its medical system as one of the most important successes of a socialist economy wracked by slow growth, shortages and chronic underinvestment.

"Cuba is a lightweight boxer which boxes in the super-heavyweight classes precisely because of its foreign policy and its international cooperation," said John Kirk, chair of Latin American studies at Canada's Dalhousie University and an expert on Cuban medical missions. "This is part of the Cuban political DNA ... this is altruism as well as burnishing its international credentials." Despite a recent set of pay raises, most Cu-

ban doctors' salaries don't top \$75 a month, less than many workers who work in tourism or other sectors that bring in money from abroad. The foreign missions almost uniformly offer the chance to earn extra pay, in many cases enough to buy a bigger home or new car. Critics of Cuba's communist government have accused it in the past of exploiting the doctors by giving them only a meager portion of the money paid for their services and keeping the lion's share for the national treasury.

But those who believe strongly in Cuba's communist revolutionary ideology say a mission abroad is fundamental to the health workers' self-identity.

"This is part of our training as Cuban doctors. When they ask for volunteers, whatever the situation, most of us raise our hands," Fernandez said. "This is a commitment to Africa, and it's a commitment to this nation that has shaped us with the ideals of altruism, self-sacrifice and humility." □

US urges Japan to be bolder in opening markets

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TOKYO (AP) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker is urging Japan to be bolder in opening its markets to help reach a deal on a pan-Pacific trade agreement. Pritzker, who is leading the Commerce Department's first trade mission to Japan in two decades, said Tuesday that U.S. and Japanese negotiators were closing the gap on trade in farm

goods and vehicles but that there were still "tough issues" to work on.

"It is time for all of us to be bold. Incremental steps will not lead us to the high-standard outcome that we all agreed to pursue when we joined the negotiations," Pritzker told a group of U.S. and Japanese business executives. She said "strong outcomes" were needed in both agriculture and auto trade talks to get a deal ap-

proved by the U.S. Congress and Japanese lawmakers.

Japan is the second largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States and its fourth largest trading partner overall.

The 12-nation trade pact, called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP, is the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's trade policy and his effort to shift U.S. strategic attention to Asia. Pritzker said it could yield tens of bil-

ions of dollars a year in economic gains and increased exports for each side.

The pact, aimed at cutting tariffs and setting trade rules, is seen as a precursor to a future wide free-trade arrangement for the entire Pacific Rim region.

Yet, an agreement has remained elusive, with informal deadlines long passed. Critics of the plan say the negotiations are too secretive and are likely to favor

the interests of big multinational corporations over those of ordinary workers and consumers.

Apart from the U.S. and Japan, other countries negotiating the trade deal are Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. But a deal between the U.S. and Japan, the two largest economies, is considered vital to its success. □

China economy grows at slowest pace in 5 years

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BEIJING (AP) — China's economic growth waned to a five-year low of 7.3 percent last quarter, raising concerns of a spillover effect on the global economy but falling roughly in line with Chinese leaders' plans for a controlled slowdown.

The third-quarter figures, released Tuesday, put China on course for annual growth somewhat lower than the 7.5 percent targeted by leaders, though they have indicated there is wiggle-room in their plan. The world's No. 2 economy grew 7.5 percent from a year earlier in the previous quarter and 7.4 percent in the first quarter.

Communist leaders are trying to steer China toward growth based on domestic consumption instead of over-reliance on trade and investment. But the slowdown comes with the risk of politically dangerous

job losses and policymakers bolstered growth in the second quarter with mini-stimulus measures.

vice industries such as retailing that leaders want to promote have done well this year despite the down-

mist Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics.

"There is still a lot of downward pressure on the econ-

the second quarter but "once that fizzled out, the downward pressure has returned." Investors shrugged off the news, relieved that China's growth hadn't fallen below 7 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 140 points in early-afternoon trading Tuesday. European stocks rose, and Asian stocks were mixed.

A further slowdown in China's economy would likely cause some damage to the U.S. economy, the world's largest, as well as commodity producers such as Australia, Indonesia and Brazil that have grown accustomed to strong Chinese demand.

Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, estimates that each 1 percentage point drop in China's economic growth shaves 0.2 percentage point from annual U.S. growth, which is equal to the effect of a \$20-a-barrel increase in oil prices. □



Chinese women walk past a luxury fashion boutique at a shopping mall in Beijing, China Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014. China's economic growth waned to a five-year low of 7.3 percent last quarter, raising concerns of a spillover effect on the global economy but falling roughly in line with Chinese leaders' plans for a controlled slowdown. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Employment, however, remained strong through the third quarter and the ser-

turn, which has been focused largely in the property market, said econo-

my," Evans-Pritchard said. Spending on infrastructure shored up growth in

Chief Executive of Total, French oil giant, dies in crash

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MOSCOW — The chief executive of the French oil company Total, Christophe de Margerie, one of the most powerful and colorful figures in the energy industry, was killed when his business jet collided with a snowplow Monday night on the runway of Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow. De Margerie, a staunch defender of Russia's energy policies during the conflict over Ukraine, went to Moscow to attend a meeting

of corporate executives with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, and was returning to Paris.

The collision occurred a few minutes before midnight as the executive's Dassault Falcon was accelerating for takeoff, the airport said in a statement. Russian prosecutors said Tuesday that the driver of the snowplow was intoxicated. The jet's three crew members also died, Total said.

"The thoughts of the management and employees

of the group go out to Christophe de Margerie's wife, children and loved ones as well as to the families of the three other victims," the company said in a statement.

Analysts say the bench of possible successors to de Margerie is strong, though none has his outsize personality.

Often mentioned as a candidate is Patrick Pouyanné, Total's president of refining and chemicals. Pouyanné is considered to have done a good job handling the

tricky task of reducing his unit's size in Europe and also has the benefit of having run the company's business in Qatar, an important location for the company. Another candidate is Philippe Boisseau, who heads the gas and alternative energy business. Oil companies often pick the head of exploration and production as chief executive, but Arnaud Breuillac has held the role less than a year.

The Interstate Aviation Committee, an agency

that investigates plane crashes in former Soviet states, said it had opened an inquiry into the accident, of a type known as a runway incursion, and that French authorities would be invited to join in the work. The Russian news agency RIA Novosti quoted an aviation expert speculating that the Dassault pilot had tried to take off early to clear the snowplow on the runway but snared the vehicle's roof with the aircraft's wheels and crashed. □



'Etnia Nativa' Art Exhibit Draws Critical Acclaim

ORANJESTAD - A wonderfully well-received Native Art exposition was held recently at the Chamber of Commerce by local artist Anthony Croes.

The exposition of his artwork was visited by many art lovers and other local artists themselves.

With a drink and local snacks the visitors could admire the 22 framed art



pieces, reserve to buy them, and have a conversation with the artist himself accompanied by his very handsome son and his Mom Senora Nora.

A short history on the artist himself:

Anthony Croes was born in Aruba 13 April 1961.

As a child, Anthony demonstrated a natural interest and love for his native ancestral history and their survival challenges. This same interest encouraged him to pursue anthropology and archaeology professionally. For someone with such considerable early talent it is no surprising then that it was only a matter of time that he seriously considered art also as a career and moved to painting full-time. Since his return to his original passion, he has come a long way in the notoriously hard to crack



Aruban art world.

After originally focusing on a more traditional style of landscape - the hallmark of the Aruban tradition - his work matured quickly and demonstrated an originality that makes defining his work within the conventional constraints of such a tradition elusive. As a contemporary artist working within what are still considered traditional aesthetic genres and modes, in par-

ticular the Native American and figurative painting and sculptures,

His later Native Aruban inspired paintings have an uncanny ability to tread the aesthetic and political fault-line between the Western colonial perspective of the Aruban landscape and the indigenous one. In fact, Anthony's distinguished work is indicative of a more sophisticated reinvigoration of the islands

indigenous aspect which is gaining force in contemporary art circles.

□ A feature of Anthony's practice is to work only with collected material, recycling as much as possible. His experimentations involve seeds clay, feather, bones, metal, wood, glass, discarded paints and stones to mention a few.

At first glance, the viewer may, at times, recognize the iconography of the

masters of both the Aruba and European traditions. Anthony, however, employs these in unique ways in order to create an almost surreal way of looking at what has been seen before. Anthony has combined the technical facility of the grand masters with the surreal touches that make his work so fresh and interesting.

The use of strong colors, particularly luminous red, yellow and ochre under painting are employed to allow the under painting to "break through and capture light". While he continues to draw inspiration from nature and remains fascinated by his past cultures, horizons and cacti trees these are not literal depictions. As his painting is studio-based the end-product significantly departs from any empirical image. In the same way, while his figurative work references to native pottery designs and rock art, Anthony does not see these works as portraits in themselves. Rather they reflect the same mood that is evoked in his landscapes. The result is a more cohesive practice then may be initially apparent.

The artist's famous words that evening were: "Stima bo tera, bo cultura, duna awa na bo raiznan, respecta bo Herencia." Which is Papiamentu for: "Love your land, your culture, water your roots and respect your heritage."

To make a long story short: it was a wonderful exposition with beautiful art, a happy artist and many art lovers. Overall it was a well organized event at the local Chamber of Commerce.

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The tickets are \$34. And each Comedy Ticket gives every audience member \$10 in FREE Slot Play in the Stellaris Casino at the Marriott (ID required!). And each Comedy Ticket will also provide a 20% discount to the Aruba La Vista buffet.

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Also performing is Gary Keshner, who has been seen on NBC, and the movie "Last Night in Brooklyn." Gary performs at clubs and casinos all over the States. Ray Ellin will be hosting the shows. Known as "Aruba Ray" because of his passion for Aruba, Ray has been coming to Aruba every month for the past three years, and produces and hosts these fantastic comedy shows on the island.

Ray has appeared on many television programs; he is the host of the new Gong Show Live, a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He also hosted the popular talk show Late Net, and hosted the television shows The

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And while these shows are not vulgar, they are intended for an adult audience. There will be another group performing from November 4th to the 17th, including recognizable faces Chuck Nice, Brian Scott McFadden, Lenny Marcus, and Mike Vecchione.

For more information call the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino at (011-297) 586-9000.

Additional information: Seating is first come, first serve. Doors open at 8pm. The show starts at 830pm. The show ends around 10pm.

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ORANJESTAD - Just about 10 days left before the start of this magnum bikers' event.

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Official registration takes place on Wednesday 29 October at the Bike Village. There will be live music, Queen Election and games under the main tent. Entry fee Afl 65 (US\$ 40) for the whole week includes back-

pack; T-shirt; commemorative lapel pin, vouchers for breakfast, lunch and dinner, give-aways and much more. For early birds there is an opportunity for pre-registration on Monday 27 Oct. and Tuesday 28 Oct. at a reduced tariff of Afl 50,00 (US\$ 30). On Thursday 30 Oct the rally goes to Carnival Village in San Nicolas where shows and skills competition are scheduled. The rally will conclude at the bike village featuring our famous Karaoke contest, with fabulous cash prizes. The Friday rally on October 31 Oct. features the scary Halloween masked ride. The masquerade motorcade will depart from the village at 19:00 and will hover creepy through the village of Santa Cruz; past the haunted Frenchmen's pass, as you hover between our frightening pit-stops, enjoying a real Halloween celebration. Join if you dare! There

will be cash and other prizes for best costumes and dressed bikes, as well as live music under the main tent. The poker run rally follows on Saturday night November 1st. Again cash prizes for best hands and live music under the main tent. Sunday November 2nd culminates with the traditional Betico memorial ride. The ride starts at 11:00 at Napa, Shaba after the complimentary breakfast. First leg of this main ride will cover the western part of the island with a lunch break stop at the village. The second leg goes east-bound with a refreshment stop at Rum Reef in Baby Beach. The motorcade will finish at the Bike village at 17:00 where dinner will be served, followed by closing ceremonies and farewell party under the main tent. So, consider this as a personal invitation to join our ride. All bikes, trikes and quadracers are welcome.

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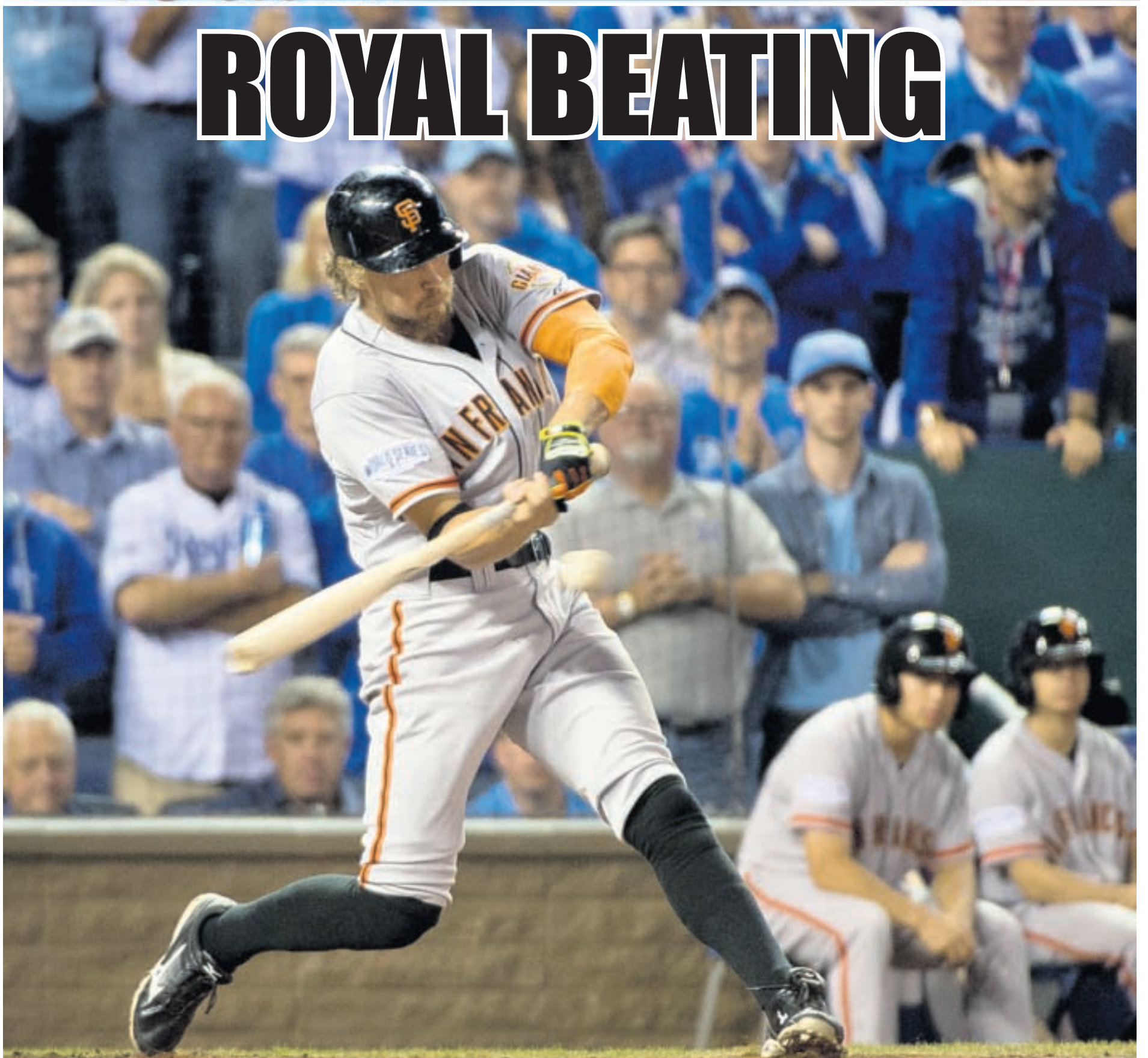
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ROYAL BEATING



Bumgarner, Giants Stop Royals 7-1 in Series Opener

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San Francisco Giants' Hunter Pence swings on a two-run home run off Kansas City Royals starting pitcher James Shields in the top of the first inning in Game 1 of baseball's World Series at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/The Sacramento Bee, Jose Luis Villegas)

Steelers Back on Track with 30-23 Win Over Texans

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Champions League resumes with a flurry of goals



Barcelona's Lionel Messi, centre, prepares to shoot during the Champions League group F soccer match between F.C. Barcelona and Ajax at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/Manu Fernandez)

NESHA STARCEVIC

AP Sports Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The Champions League returned on Tuesday with a 40-goal bonanza as Bayern Munich thrashed Roma 7-1 for its biggest victory on the road and Luiz Adriano scored five as Shakhtar put seven goals past BATE Borisov.

On a record-busting night, Chelsea wasn't far behind in a 6-0 win over Maribor, but Manchester City remained without a victory in three matches after wasting a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at CSKA Moscow. Schalke also squandered a two-goal lead before scoring a controversial penalty in stoppage time to edge 10-man Sporting 4-3.

Neymar and Lionel Messi scored in Barcelona's 3-1 win over Ajax. Messi's 69th career goal in Europe's top-tier competition moved him to within two goals of the all-time record set by Raul Gonzalez. He is tied with Cristiano Ronaldo before Real Madrid visits Liverpool on Wednesday. Away from the big-scoring games, Paris Saint-Germain edged APOEL 1-0 in Cyprus.

Adriano's five-goal performance in Belarus —with two goals from the penalty spot — equaled Messi's five against Bayer Leverkusen in 2012.

Adriano is the first to manage four goals in the first half, doing so in a record span of 17 minutes. With a late penalty, he also matched Messi's record. Shakhtar, which has been forced to move from its home in Donetsk because of fighting between Ukrainian government troops and pro-Russian rebels, matched the biggest away victory in the history of the Champions League. Olympique Marseille also won 7-0 at MSK Zilina in 2010.

The biggest Champions League victory came in 2007, when Liverpool thrashed Besiktas 8-0. With eight more matches to be played Wednesday, the record of 63 goals for a matchday, set on the opening day of the 2000-01

season, could be broken.

Five-time champion Bayern, which won the title in 2013, made itself one of the favorites this season with an overwhelming performance in Rome, with Arjen Robben scoring twice.

It matched Roma's heaviest defeat in the competition, a 7-1 loss at Manchester United in the 2007 quarterfinals.

"This is a fluke," Bayern coach Josep Guardiola said. "It's not normal to win 7-1."

But Bayern is starting to look like the Barcelona squad that Guardiola coached to two Champions League titles. The Spaniard took over Bayern last season and saw his club lose 5-0 on aggregate to Real Madrid in the semifinals.

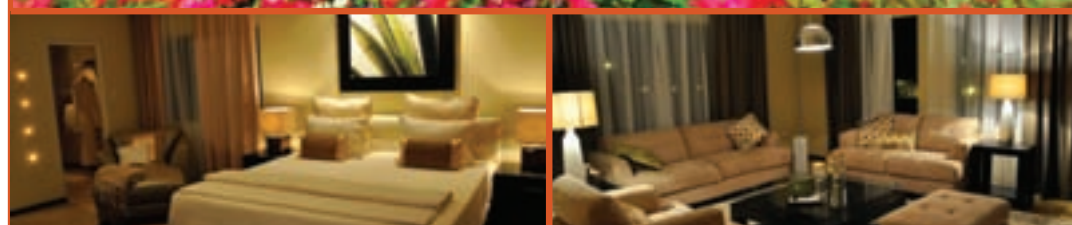
"Last season we had the legs but not the mindset," Guardiola said. "We needed to decide things a split-second quicker and now we're doing that."

Messi started an outstanding performance at Camp Nou by setting up Neymar in the seventh minute before the Argentine scored in the 24th.

"I am pleased with our game, in the first half we were by far the better side. We created a lot of chances and could have scored two more goals," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We could have pressed more in the second half. You have to finish out the match."

Eden Hazard netted twice and Didier Drogba scored his first goal since returning to Chelsea in the victory over Maribor.

Drogba's two-month search for a goal ended in the first half shortly after replacing Loic Remy, who sustained a groin injury while netting Chelsea's opener in the 13th minute. But Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho must now cope with Drogba as his only fit striker for Sunday's Premier League match at Manchester United, with Remy joining Diego Costa on the sidelines. "We don't cry on injuries, it is our philosophy," Mourinho said. "One injury means an opportunity for somebody else."



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Royal Beating

BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

KANSAS CITY, Missouri
(AP) —

Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants put a sudden stop to the Kansas City Royals' perfect postseason roll.

Bumgarner pitched shut-out ball into the seventh inning, Hunter Pence homered early and the Giants showed off their October poise, shutting down the Royals 7-1 Tuesday night in the World Series opener.

From the start, the Giants simply did everything right to win their seventh straight World Series game. There's a reason Bumgarner and the team in black and orange are trying for their third title in five years.

The Royals, meanwhile, looked nothing like the fresh team that had become baseball's darlings by starting the playoffs with eight wins in a row — pitching, hitting and fielding all deserted them.

The fates seemed to change from the very first batter, in fact. Gregor Blanco led off with a soft line drive to center field and AL Championship Series MVP Lorenzo Cain charged, then backed off as the ball fell for a single. It would've taken a near miracle to catch it, but that's the kind of play the Royals had been making on a routine basis.

Moments later, Pence's homer highlighted a three-run burst in the first inning against James Shields. Nicknamed "Big Game James," he once again failed to live up to that billing and left in the fourth when the Giants made it 5-0.

By then, Royals fans who had waited since 1985 for the Series to come to town had gone silent. Or, worse, they were booing while

small "Let's go, Giants!" chants echoed through Kauffman Stadium.

Just like that, what many figured would be a tight matchup had turned into a mismatch. And it was a good omen for the Giants — the Game 1 winner has won 15 of the last 17 World Series.

The Royals will try to get even in Game 2 on Wednesday night when rookie Yordano Ventura starts against veteran Jake Peavy.

Bumgarner added to his sparkling World Series resume, improving to 3-0 and extending his scoreless streak to 21 innings before Salvador Perez homered in the seventh.

The 25-year-old called MadBum by his teammates was in trouble only once. Down 3-0, the Royals loaded the bases with a two-out walk and cleanup man Eric Hosmer stepped to the plate, but grounded out on the first pitch.

Bumgarner went on to stretch his road postseason scoreless streak to a record 32 2-3 innings as the Giants cruised. He pitched three-hit ball for seven innings, struck out five and walked one.

Michael Morse, getting to play as the designated hitter in the AL park, had an RBI single that finished Shields, and reliever Danny Duffy walked Blanco with the bases loaded.

Rookie Joe Panik hit an RBI triple that bounced past usually reliable right fielder Nori Aoki in the seventh and scored on a single by October force Pablo Sandoval. The MVP of the 2012 World Series triumph, Sandoval also had an RBI double in the first that extended his postseason streak of reaching base to 24 straight games. □



Kansas City Royals pitcher Danny Duffy throws during the fifth inning of Game 1 of baseball's World Series against the San Francisco Giants Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo.

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Steelers look back on track in 30-23 win over Texans

WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania

(AP) — Ben Roethlisberger passed for two touchdowns and wide receiver Antonio Brown added another during a frantic stretch late in the first half, helping the Pittsburgh Steelers rally for a 30-23 win over the mistake-prone Houston Texans on Monday night.

Pittsburgh (4-3) needed just over a minute to turn a 10-point deficit into an 11-point lead as the Texans self-destructed while losing their third game in a row.

"You stand on the sidelines long enough, you will see explosions such as that," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. "It was good to be on the good side of it."

Roethlisberger finished with 265 yards passing. Le'Veon Bell racked up 145 yards of total offense and rookie wide receiver Martavis Bryant caught a momentum-swinging touchdown pass



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown (84) makes a catch past Houston Texans defensive back Andre Hal (29) in the fourth quarter of the NFL football game, Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, in Pittsburgh. The Steelers beat the Texans 30-23.

(AP Photo/Don Wright)

in his first NFL start.

Arian Foster ran for 102 yards for Houston (3-4), but just 29 over the final three quarters. Ryan Fitzpatrick

was 21 of 32 for 262 yards with two touchdowns and an interception but the Texans were undone by three turnovers.

Watt recovered a fumble and picked up his third sack of the season but was neutralized for most of the second half.

By then, the Steelers were on their way to the win.

Pittsburgh was listless for the first 25 minutes, letting Foster and Fitzpatrick do whatever they wanted as the Texans raced to a 13-0 lead that seemed larger.

A 44-yard Shaun Suisham field goal with 3:08 left in the half gave the Steelers a minor boost.

A strike from Roethlisberger to Bell provided a much larger one shortly after the 2-minute warning. Roethlisberger hit the versatile back for a 43-yard gain — Pittsburgh's longest pass play of the season — to move the ball to the Houston 35. Roethlisberger then hit Bryant, who struggled staying healthy in the pre-season and spent the first six weeks on the inactive list, with a rainbow pass that Bryant caught at the back of the end zone to make it 13-10 with 1:27 left. The Steelers were just getting started. □

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Growing Health

By: Dr Carlos Viana

When a new patient comes to me, I evaluate their medical tests, but I begin by observing them the way my Uncle Julio use to look at his land. Julio was a farmer who was considered in his native Portugal, a soil expert. During my childhood I had the opportunity to travel with my Uncle as he appraised land. Uncle Julio showed me there is no "bad" land, just land that is better suited to grow different crops. For example, green peppers needed rich, dark, organic rich soil. If you try to grow grapes in this soil, you get mushy, tasteless grapes. Grapes need poor, rocky ground to produce wine quality grapes. I learned that all soil can be good for growing; however different soil produces different plants. Now, just like Uncle Julio, I check to see what your body is good for growing, healthy cells or diseased cells.

In conventional medicine we have different theories about how we get or "grow" diseased cells. Louis Pasteur, known for the food Pasteurization process, developed the medical Germ Theory. The Germ Theory says that something outside the body, bacteria, virus, and pollution causes disease.

Another biologist, Antoine Béchamp, disagreed with Pasteur; Béchamp maintained that bacteria are not the cause of, but the result of disease. This has also been called the Cellular Disease Theory, and is the premise of Natu-

ral Medicine. Natural Medicine states that disease starts in an unhealthy cell. Like the environment of the land, the environment of your body can grow health or disease.

Common environmental factors that contribute to disease are unhealthy food choices, obesity, infections, radiation, stress, lack of physical activity, and pollutants. According to medical research, cancers are primarily an environmental disease with 90-95% of cases attributed to environmental factors and only 5-10% due to genetics! All of us are exposed in some way to many of these causes, yet one man in two and one woman in three will develop cancer. Why is it then that some people get cancer while others do not?

All lifestyle choices change the environment of your body. It may not be easy to change our entire environment. Toxins seem to be everywhere these days, but most of us are lucky enough to be able to choose clean water and good food to support our body. What happens if your food choices are less than healthy though?

Our cells need clean water and good nutrition to produce energy to grow and reproduce more healthy cells. Without proper water and food, a cell cannot produce an adequate amount of energy. Without this energy, water that has become salty from collecting waste from the

body enters the cell causing swelling. This swelling often of legs and feet is known as edema. Edema is an indication that an unhealthy body environment is developing.

The salt water in the cell pushes the cell's calcium and phosphorus out into the blood vessels. This loss of important minerals from our bone cells and escaped or "free" calcium (not cholesterol) in the blood builds up inside blood vessels as arteriosclerosis, then heart disease develops. The free calcium can enter your joints, producing joint pain and inflammation. With increased calcium in the blood, heart rhythm becomes irregular and finally, without adequate oxygen being pumped by the heart and glucose from good nutrition to produce more energy, the cell begins to die.

Cells die every day. However, if too many cells die too fast, organs and muscles deteriorate.

In some cases, poor environment together with poor lifestyle habits will "turn off" you cell's natural switch which tells it to die when it is not healthy. If your cell's switch is turned off, it changes your cell, so that it eats more and grows rapidly.

Cancer cells do not wait for glucose to naturally get in the cell, but eat the glucose right out of your blood, which drains energy from the body. It is nearly impossible to prove exactly what caused cancer in any individual, because most cancers have many potential causes. For example, if a person who uses tobacco heavily develops lung cancer, then it was probably

caused by the tobacco use maybe together with other environmental problems. Since everyone has a small chance of developing lung cancer as a result of air pollution or radiation, then there is a tiny chance that the smoker's lung cancer actually developed because of air pollution or radiation.

Whatever outside environmental problems we come into contact with daily, if we want to be as healthy as possible, we need to do our best to create an inside environment that promotes good health. Starting with drinking clean water daily to cleans and hydrate our body. Next, choose foods good for your metabolic or blood type. Everyone should stay away from heavily processed, unnatural foods. Eat as many fresh fruits and vegetables as possible. Cook with a small amount of healthy fats, like olive oil or clarified butter.

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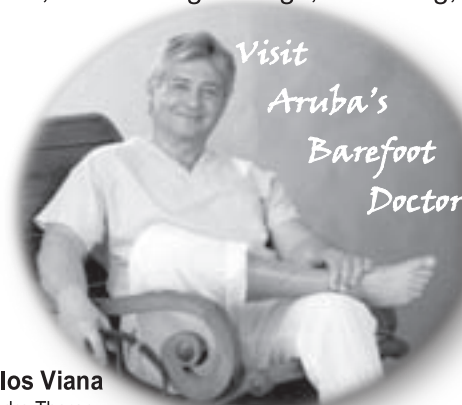
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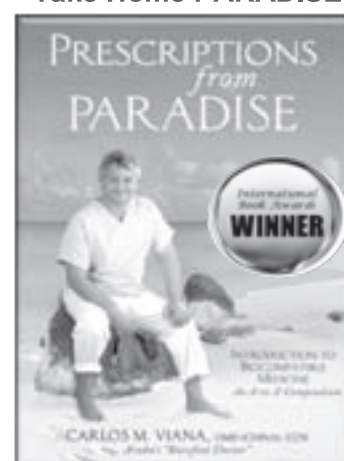
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List of merchants and retailers now taking Apple Pay

The Associated Press

More than 200,000 payment locations in the U.S. are equipped to accept so-called contactless payments, including Apple Pay. Smaller merchants tend to be among the several millions that don't have the required equipment yet.

Apple said it has worked with several retailers to make sure most of their stores, if not all of them, were ready at Monday's launch:

Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters, Babies R Us, BJ's Wholesale Club, Bloomingdale's, Champs Sports, Chevron and Texaco retail stores including ExtraMile, Disney Store, Duane Reade, Footaction, Foot Locker, House of Hoops by Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Macy's, McDonald's, Nike, Office Depot, Panera Bread, Petco, RadioShack, RUN by Foot Locker, SIX:02, Sports Authority, Subway, Toys R Us, Unleashed by Petco, Walgreens, Wegmans and Whole Foods Market.

Apple also said that the following merchants plan to add support by the end of the year: Anthropologie, Free People, Sephora, Staples, Urban Outfitters and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

For online payments, Apple said the following merchants have apps ready for Apple Pay: Chairish, Fancy, Groupon, HotelTonight, Houzz, Instacart, Lyft, OpenTable, Panera Bread, Spring, Staples, Target and Uber.

Others expected by year's end include: Airbnb, Disney Store, Eventbrite, JackThreads, Levi's Stadium by VenueNext, Sephora, Starbucks, StubHub, Ticketmaster and Tickets.com.

Of course, Apple's retail stores and the Apple Store app will also take Apple Pay.

Apple Pay launched in the U.S. on Monday and requires an iPhone 6 and 6 Plus with iOS 8.1 for in-store and in-app payments. □

Apple Pay Q&A: What you need to know

ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) —

Apple's mobile payment system, Apple Pay, made its debut Monday. Now you can flash your new iPhone in the checkout line to pay for food, clothing and other goods. There's no need to pull out your credit card.

But don't leave your wallet or purse behind quite yet: Despite a few dozen retail chains pledging support for Apple Pay, so-called contactless payments are still new. Smaller merchants, in particular, aren't likely to have the necessary equipment right away.

Here's a guide to how Apple Pay works and what to expect:

Q. What do I need to use Apple Pay?

A. To fully use Apple Pay, you'll need an iPhone 6 or iPhone 6 Plus with iOS 8.1, a free software update released Monday. You'll also get some online-only features with the iPad Air 2 and iPad Mini 3 coming out later this week. Older devices won't work, even with the 8.1 update.

You'll also need a credit card that works with Apple Pay. Major credit card issuers such as American Express, Bank of America, Capital One, Chase, Citibank and Wells Fargo are backing Apple Pay. Apple says more than 500 banks are participating, representing about 83 percent of the card volume in the U.S.

To get started, use the Passbook app or go to "Passbook & Apple Pay" in the settings.

Q. Is it secure?

A. Although security measures are never foolproof, the Apple Pay system is safer than many current payment methods.

For one thing, a substitute account number is assigned when you set up Apple Pay. Merchants get that instead of your real card number.

In addition, a verification code is created for each transaction, based in part on unique keys on

the phone. Even if hackers get that substitute number, they wouldn't be able to generate the verification code without having possession of your phone, so fraudulent transactions would be declined.

Other services are starting to use one-time verification codes, too, but not all of them use the substitute account number. By using that substitute, a credit card issuer could cancel

do so.

A few dozen chains, including Macy's, McDonald's, Subway and Whole Foods, are expected to accept Apple Pay right away, though some of their stores might not be ready yet. Other retailers expected to do so by the end of the year include Staples, Urban Outfitters and Walt Disney Parks and Resorts.

Apple is distributing logos to merchants that accept Ap-

taurants and other smaller businesses are less likely to have the equipment ready. All told, there are more than 200,000 payment terminals in the U.S. capable of making "contactless" transactions, but that's out of several million.

Starting late next year, merchants will be liable for fraudulent transactions if they don't have equipment with an enhanced security system called EMV.



The magic of Apple Pay comes to Disney Store. Hugo Roque of Glendale makes a purchase at a Disney Store in Glendale, CA using the new Apple Pay technology, which brings an easy, secure and private way to make payments. The new technology rolled out to Disney Store locations nationwide on Monday, October 20, with the launch of Apple's iOS 8.1 software update.

(AP/Jordan Strauss/Invision/Disney Store)

the number just for the phone, should you lose it. You wouldn't need to replace the entire card.

Apple says it knows nothing about your transactions, which are handled directly by the credit card processors.

Q. Where can I use Apple Pay?

A. Most retail stores that accept contactless payments should be able to use Apple Pay, as well as Google Wallet, Softcard and other services that are based on a wireless-chip technology called near-field communication, or NFC. It's possible that some stores have the hardware in place, but haven't turned on the functionality yet. The debut of Apple Pay is likely to prompt those merchants to

ple Pay, similar to symbols for Visa and MasterCard, though the lack of a logo doesn't necessarily mean Apple Pay isn't accepted. In addition, you can use Apple Pay to make online purchases within apps, without having to enter card numbers, billing addresses and other information. It's up to merchants to enable this with app updates.

Groupon, OpenTable, Staples and Target are among the initial ones to do so. You'll see a button for "Apple Pay" or "Buy with Apple Pay." The new iPads will be able to make in-app payments, but they lack NFC chips for in-store payments.

Q. What about smaller merchants?

A. Dry cleaners, local res-

Because merchants have to upgrade equipment to EMV anyway, they can get the NFC capability for not much more.

But many equipment makers hesitated because demand for NFC hasn't been clear.

Soon after Apple announced support, iPad-based retail payment system ShopKeep decided to start including NFC and plans to distribute new equipment to its 10,000 merchants over the next year. Other equipment makers are expected to do the same.

Even though relatively few small merchants can now accept NFC payments such as Apple Pay, that's bound to change in a year when the EMV deadline comes. □

Stocks rally; S&P has best day of 2014

KEN SWEET

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. stock market marched higher Tuesday, giving the Standard & Poor's 500 in-

lianz Global Investors.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 37.27 points, or 2 percent, to 1,941.28. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 215.14 points,

scare and the rally in the 10-year Treasury note. All of those items have stabilized," said Ian Winer, director of equity trading at Wedbush Securities.

is ending," Hooper said. "We are in unusual times, so expect to see more of an outsized reaction in the market."

Since falling to a six-month low last week, the stock market has now basically recovered nearly all of its losses. After closing at 1,862.49 on Oct. 15, the S&P 500 index has rallied more than 4 percent in four days. One notable part of the market investors have been moving back into is smaller, riskier companies. While the S&P 500 and Dow are still down 1.6 percent to 2.5 percent this month, respectively, the Russell 2000 is up 1 percent for October. "That's an important sign that investors are regaining their confidence," Hooper said.

Apple gave a boost to the overall market. The maker of iPhones and iPads rose \$2.71, or 2.7 percent, to \$102.47 after its quarterly results easily beat analysts' expectations. Apple said it earned \$1.42 a share last quarter, helped by strong sales of the latest version of the iPhone.

Investors also had an encouraging report out of Asia. China's economy expanded by 7.3 percent in the third quarter from a year earlier. Although growth slowed slightly from the previous quarter's 7.5 percent, analysts had expected a more marked slowdown, to 6.9 percent. China has been a worry spot for investors for many weeks, and has been a key reason why financial markets have been volatile lately. □



Trader Christopher Fuchs, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market marched higher Tuesday, giving the Standard & Poor's 500 index its best day of the year. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

dex its best day of the year. Investors rallied behind an encouraging report on the Chinese economy as well as strong quarterly results from Apple and other big companies.

The market continues on its recovery from last week's swoon and has now erased much of its losses over the last two weeks.

"I think it's too early to call to call this a new rally, but I think there are definite signs that investors are gaining confidence again after last week's volatility," said Kristina Hooper, head of U.S. investment strategies at Al-

or 1.3 percent, to 16,614.81. The Nasdaq composite rose 103.40 points, or 2.4 percent, to 4,419.48.

This week so far has been a contrast to last week's turbulence in many ways. Volatility is down, the S&P 500 index is on pace to have its best week of the year and the price of crude oil has stopped sliding. The bond market has also stabilized, with the 10-year Treasury note remaining around 2.20 percent for the last several days.

"Last week the main thing driving the market was the decline in oil, the Ebola

That said, there's still a chance for bumps ahead given that a meeting of the Federal Reserve is coming up next week where the central bank is expected to end its bond-buying economic stimulus program for good. Growth worries in Europe and China are still top of mind, and with U.S. corporate earnings season underway, the market's direction could change quickly, traders and strategists said. "Investors are likely to see more volatility, not less. We expected this to happen now that the Fed's quantitative easing program

Discover's 3Q net income up nearly 9 percent

RIVERWOODS, ILL. (AP) — Discover Financial Services' third-quarter net income increased nearly 9 percent to beat market expectations.

The credit card issuer and lender's gains were made on increased credit card spending and overall lending.

Discover said Tuesday that sales volume for its name-sake card increased 5.8

percent and its total loans grew 7.4 percent to \$67.4 billion. Credit card loans increased 6.6 percent, personal loans increased 20.9 percent and private student loans increased 4.5 percent.

The Riverwoods, Illinois-based company's latest results suggest consumers are feeling better about spending and taking on debt.

However, the late-pay-

ment rate by its cardholders did edge up higher during the quarter. The rate of card loans more than 30 days past due rose to 1.71 percent, up 4 basis points from the year-ago period. For the period that ended Sept. 30, Discover's net income after paying preferred dividends rose to \$630 million, or \$1.37 per share. That compares with net income of \$579 million,

or \$1.20 per share, a year earlier. Revenue net of interest expense rose to \$2.19 billion from \$2.06 billion.

Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.34 per share on revenue of \$2.2 billion.

Discover shares ended regular trading up \$1.68 to \$64.38 and fell 28 cents to reach \$64.10 extended trading following the report. □

Canadian Pacific CEO Harrison says rail deal possible

JOSH FUNK

AP Business Writer

The CEO of Canadian Pacific thinks U.S. regulators would approve a well-structured railroad merger, but nothing is planned now that talks with CSX ended. CEO Hunter Harrison said during a conference call Tuesday he doesn't agree with the view that the Surface Transportation Board wouldn't approve any merger.

Merging the Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. with CSX Corp. could have improved service by routing traffic around the bottlenecks in Chicago, Harrison said.

Harrison said giving railroads access to customers on other rail networks would improve competition and increase the chances that regulators would approve such a deal.

But Harrison said Canadian Pacific officials and CSX couldn't agree on several issues, so talks ended after several meetings.

Officials at Jacksonville, Florida-based CSX declined to comment Tuesday. CSX CEO Michael Ward said last week that regulators would likely take a cautious approach to any railroad consolidation deals because there are only seven major railroads in the U.S. and Canada: BNSF, CSX, Norfolk Southern, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Canadian National and Kansas City Southern.

Canadian Pacific isn't in talks with any other railroads, but Harrison didn't rule out the possibility.

"Are we focusing on something else because this didn't seem to work? No. But if somebody picks up the phone and calls us and says would you like to explore some opportunities, yes, I will listen to them. Certainly," Harrison said.

Harrison said possible mergers with CSX, Norfolk Southern or Kansas City Southern would make the most sense because their rail networks would complement Canadian Pacific's current reach. □

Harley-Davidson tops 3Q net income expectations

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Harley-Davidson's third-quarter profit fell nearly 8 percent on a planned reduction of motorcycle shipments for the quarter. But its earnings topped Wall Street expectations, and its shares climbed more than 6 percent in afternoon trading. The Milwaukee company said Tuesday that its net

income was \$150.1 million, or 69 cents per share, from July through September. That compares with \$162.7 million, or 73 cents per share, a year ago. But analysts polled by FactSet expected only 60 cents per share. Revenue from motorcycles and related products was \$1.13 billion, down 4.2 percent for the quarter and

short of analysts' estimates of \$1.14 billion. Harley-Davidson Inc. said it shipped 50,670 motorcycles worldwide, a planned decrease of 6.2 percent that was in line with prior guidance. That led to a decline in revenue. But dealers worldwide sold more than 73,000 new bikes during the quarter, a 4 percent increase over the

prior year. The company stuck with previous estimates that it would ship 270,000 to 275,000 motorcycles worldwide this year, a 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent increase over 2013. After the first quarter it expected 7 percent to 9 percent shipment growth. Harley-Davidson also expects to make capital expenditures of \$215 mil-

lion to \$235 million this year, and post a full-year operating margin of 17.5 percent to 18.5 percent. Harley's shares rose \$3.58, or 6.1 percent, to \$61.96 in afternoon trading Tuesday. The shares have declined 8.6 percent since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed 3 percent.

Reynolds' net rises on higher cigarette prices

MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
AP Tobacco Writer
RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Camel cigarette maker Reynolds American Inc.'s net income rose 2.2 percent in the third quarter as higher prices helped offset a continued decline in cigarettes sold.

The Winston-Salem, North Carolina-based company said its profit rose to \$467 million, or 88 cents per share, for the quarter which ended Sept. 30, up from \$457 million, or 84 cents per share, in the same quarter last year. Reynolds' adjusted earnings of 95 cents per share beat expectations for 91 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research. The nation's second-biggest tobacco company said revenue, excluding excise taxes, rose 4.9 percent to \$2.24 billion. Analysts expected \$2.18 billion, according to Zacks. Its shares rose 67 cents to \$59.80 in morning trading Tuesday.

Reynolds announced plans in July to buy Newport cigarette maker Lorillard Inc.

for \$25 billion. The tie-up would create a formidable No. 2 tobacco company in the U.S. behind Richmond, Virginia-based Altria Group Inc. Reynolds said Tuesday it still expects that deal, which is currently undergoing antitrust review, to close

by the middle of next year. The maker of Camel and Pall Mall cigarettes said its R.J. Reynolds Tobacco subsidiary shipped nearly 3 percent less cigarettes, compared with an estimated decline of 2.3 percent for the industry as a whole.

Volumes for Camel grew 3 percent and its U.S. retail market share rose 0.4 percentage points to 10.4 percent. Volumes for Pall Mall decreased 1.5 percent and its market share fell 0.1 percentage points to 9.3 percent.

The number of Natural American Spirit cigarettes sold by its Santa Fe Natural Tobacco subsidiary grew nearly 8 percent.

Tobacco companies are also focusing on cigarette alternatives such as snuff, chewing tobacco and electronic cigarettes as tax hikes, smoking bans, health concerns and social stigma make the cigarette business tougher.

Shipments of its Grizzly and Kodiak smokeless tobacco brands grew nearly 3 percent. The brands had a 34 percent share of the U.S. retail market, though that market is tiny compared with cigarettes.

The company said the national rollout of its Vuse-brand electronic cigarette is progressing and will be available almost 70,000 stores early next week with an additional wave of expansion early next year. Vuse will be Reynolds' will be its sole e-cigarette brand once it sells Lorillard's Blu e-cig brand to U.K.'s Imperial Tobacco as part of the takeover.



Natural American Spirit cigarettes are on display for sale, in Doral, Fla. Cigarette maker Reynolds American Inc. reported positive quarterly financial results on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Verizon reports higher 3Q net income, revenue

NEW YORK (AP) — Verizon Communications Inc. on Tuesday reported higher net income and revenue in its third quarter, helped by strong wireless subscriber growth and demand for its high-speed FiOS Internet services.

Verizon, which bought out its wireless division from British cellphone carrier Vodafone Group this year, said it added 1.5 million net retail wireless connections in the

quarter — up 44 percent from the same time last year.

About 1 million of those were for tablets and devices other than phones. It ended September with 106.2 million wireless connections, including 100.1 million that involved monthly service contracts.

Chief Financial Officer Francis Shammo said promotion pricing has helped Verizon push customers into

plans that should increase sales of phones using the more efficient 4G LTE network. Continued success in 4G adoption in the fourth quarter "will create profitable growth for us as we enter 2015 and beyond," Shammo said in a conference call with analysts.

The largest U.S. cellphone carrier also added 162,000 FiOS Internet subscribers and 114,000 FiOS video net subscribers.

The results were shy of analyst expectations. The New York-based company earned \$3.69 billion, or 89 cents per share, up from \$2.23 billion, or 78 cents per share, in the same period a year earlier, when the company had fewer outstanding shares.

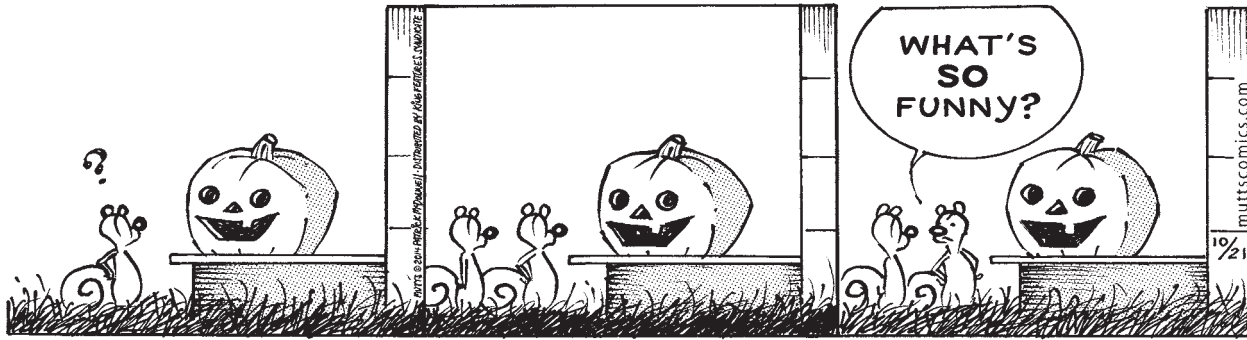
Analysts surveyed by FactSet were expecting earnings of 90 cents per share. Verizon posted revenue of \$31.6 billion, up 4 percent

from \$30.3 billion a year earlier.

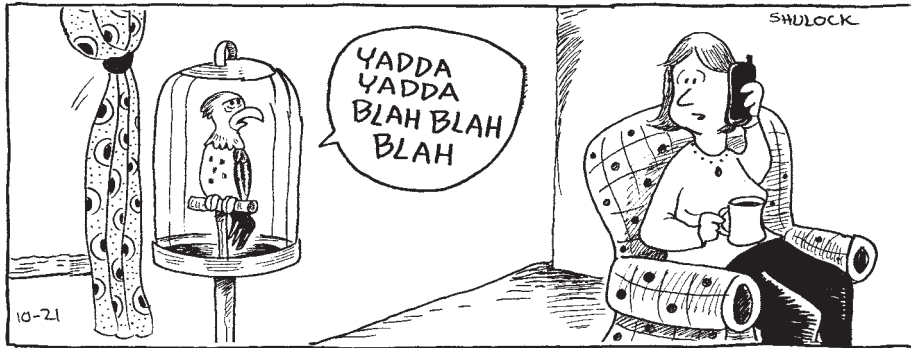
Analysts expected higher revenue of \$32.2 billion, according to FactSet.

Shares slipped 3 cents to \$48.45 in afternoon trading Tuesday. The stock is down slightly more than 1 percent since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed 3 percent. The stock has fallen 4 percent in the last 12 months.

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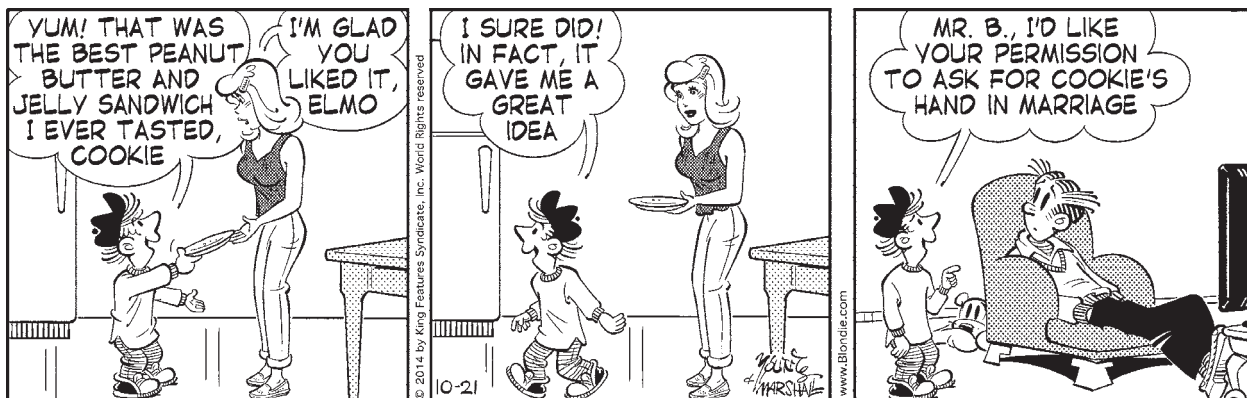
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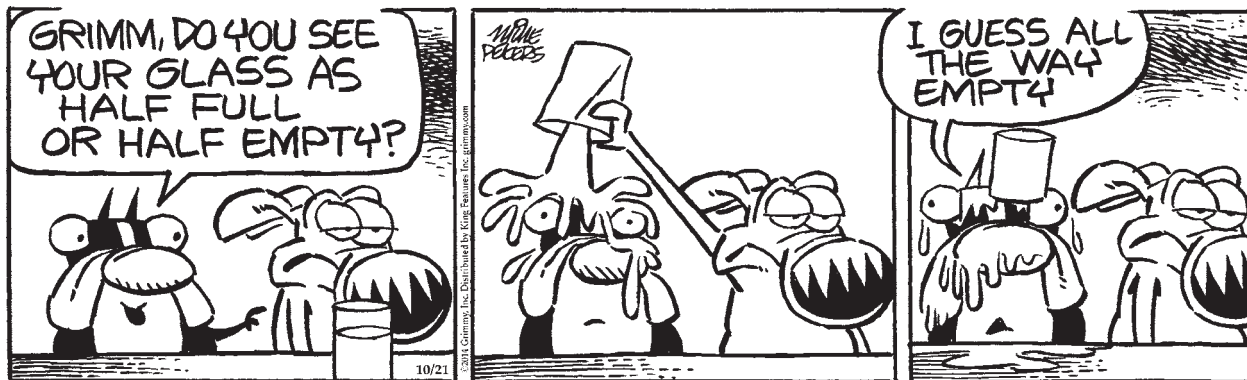
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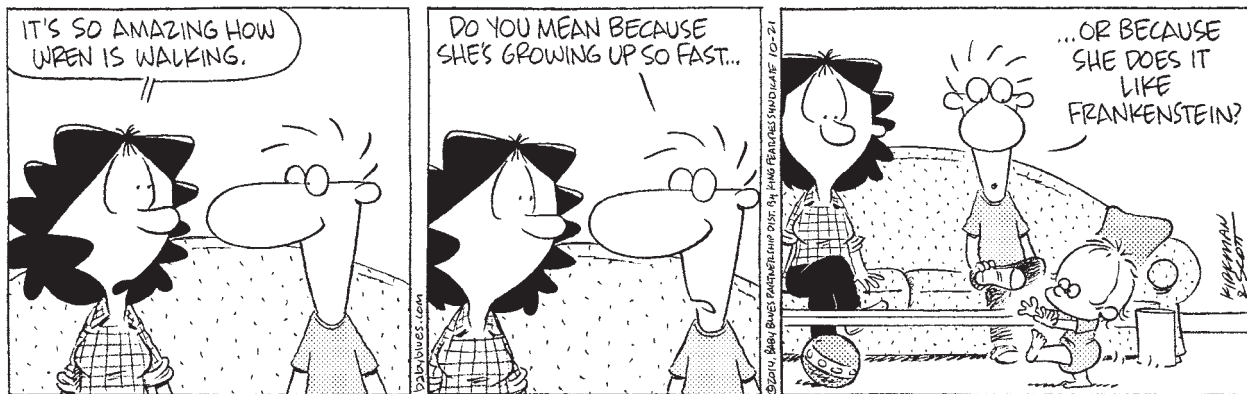
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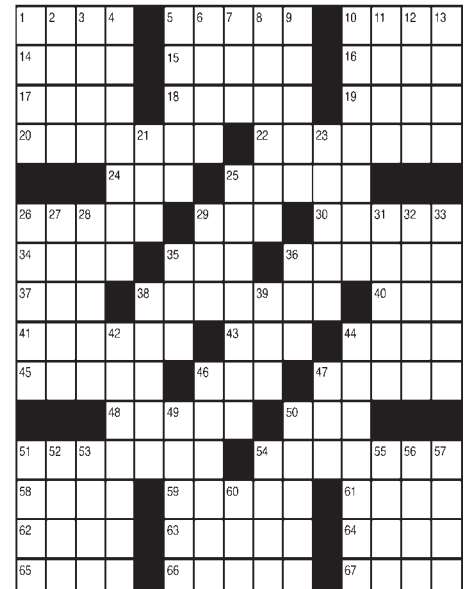
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CVS tacks tobacco payment to network

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

First, CVS Health pulled tobacco from its store shelves. Now, it plans to make some customers think twice about filling prescriptions at other stores that sell smokes.

The nation's second-largest drugstore chain is developing a new tobacco-free pharmacy network that it will offer as a choice to employers and other clients of its Caremark pharmacy benefits manage-

ment business. Employers, insurers and unions hire pharmacy benefits managers, or PBMs, to run their prescription drug coverage.

The new CVS network will slap an extra co-payment on patients who fill their prescriptions at stores that sell tobacco. That payment won't apply to prescriptions filled at stores in the tobacco-free network, which would include CVS and Target or other stores that don't sell tobacco.

Target Corp. quit selling tobacco in 1996.

The network, which starts next year, comes as companies continue to seek ways to control health care costs that have been growing faster than inflation for years. They've added wellness programs to help workers become healthier by losing weight or quitting smoking. They've also trying to rein in spending by making workers pay a greater share of the cost of their care at doctor's offices and pharmacies.

CVS spokeswoman Carolyn Castel said her company developed the new PBM network after several customers asked for it. The company's prescription drug networks cover about 65 million people as the nation's second-largest PBM, but the tobacco-free option will only be used by the PBM customers that choose it. □

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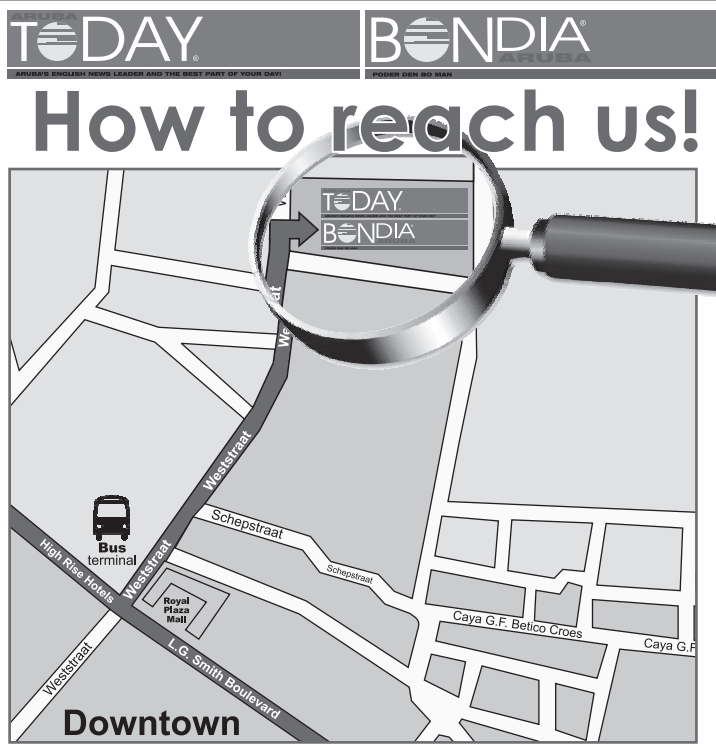
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Everglades trail surveyed for cultural artifacts

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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, Florida (AP) — Archaeologists are poking through the muck under a boardwalk in Everglades National Park, looking for evidence of a prehistoric culture.

National Park Service archaeologists are sampling sediment, sucking up mud and water about 10-feet (3-meters) deep with an aluminum tube and then dumping the contents over a screen.

When the pond was dredged in 1968 after a record drought, a park ranger noticed hundreds of artifacts, including bone pieces sharpened into tools or weapons, atop a debris pile. The items were collected and the ranger's notes were catalogued, but the site never was excavated.

Archaeologists have returned because the park service wants to replace part of the wooden boardwalk along the Anhinga Trail. The boardwalk allows tourists to experience the landscape without wading through water or stumbling upon alligators.

More than four decades ago, the ranger also found stingray tails, shark teeth and scales from other marine life that would not be found in a freshwater pond, said Margo Schwadron, the park service archaeologist leading the survey. "It's unique in the sense that it's a submerged site. We don't have very many of those in Florida and in this area at all. That is why it's special," said Penny Del Bene, the park's chief of cultural resources.

Schwadron hopes the dredging 46 years ago didn't destroy a prehistoric cultural site. Based on what the ranger found in 1968, the artifacts hidden po-

said. "There's no written record. The only thing we can find is archaeological data and get that and preserve that," Schwadron said.

hands have found burnt pieces of wood, bone fragments and shells, but little else. The items were put into plastic bags filled with yellow-brown water to

cuts or drilled holes.

The painstaking work is made more difficult by the watery work site, which has no clear boundaries in an area well-trafficked by tourists and wildlife.

"We have no idea what we're hitting until we bring it up," Schwadron said.

The site is near a slough that has been a target for Everglades restoration efforts. State and federal officials consult with Florida's tribes on how to preserve artifacts or cultural sites affected by restoration projects in the park and on state lands.

The location of those sites is often kept secret to prevent looting; anyone who finds an artifact is urged to report its location and leave it undisturbed.

Tourists are warned that anything dropped into the Everglades is more than likely gone for good, but the flowing waters and annual dry seasons sometimes reveal lost treasures. A hunter participating in the state-sanctioned python hunt last year found a half-melted gold pendant that may have belonged to someone aboard a commercial airliner that crashed in the swamps decades ago.



National Park Service archaeologist Margo Schwadron dumps sediment collected from the Anhinga Slough onto a sifting tray while doing a survey in Everglades National Park, Fla. Archeologists are looking for artifacts which were first discovered at the site when it was dredged in 1968. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky) National Park Service archaeologist Margo Schwadron dumps sediment collected from the Anhinga Slough onto a sifting tray while doing a survey in Everglades National Park, Fla. Archeologists are looking for artifacts which were first discovered at the site when it was dredged in 1968.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

tentially thousands of years could be significant to understanding how people lived in the Everglades, she

The work began Friday. As of Monday, archaeologists sifting through the sediment samples with their

keep them from drying out before they can be examined in a lab for evidence of human alteration, like

State reaches deal to keep dinosaur mummy

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Associated Press

BISMARCK, North Dakota (AP) — North Dakota reached a \$3 million deal to keep a rare fossil of a duckbilled dinosaur on display at the state's heritage center, where it will serve as a cornerstone for the facility's \$51 million expansion, officials said Tuesday.

The deal means the state can pursue fundraising from private sources, said State Historical Society Director Merl Paaverud. The \$3 million must be raised within four years "or the deal is off," but Paaverud said he's optimistic that the fossil of Dakota the duckbilled dinosaur will stay there for good.

The 67 million-year-old Edmontosaurus with fossilized skin was found in 1999 by high school student Tyler Lyson on his uncle's ranch in North Dakota. Lyson, who went on to earn a doctorate in paleontology from Yale University, is now a postdoctoral researcher at the Smithsonian.

Lyson said in April that the money received for the fossil will be used to estab-

lish a Marmarth Research Foundation endowment fund "to be used to further vertebrate paleontology." Money would be used to "fund public digs, build up research collections, train students and further the advancement of paleontology," he said.

Researchers say Dakota is one of the more important dinosaur discoveries in recent times. It is one of only a few mummified dinosaurs in existence and may have the most and best-preserved skin, along with ligaments, tendons and possibly some internal organs. It has been the subject of a children's book and an adult book, and National Geographic television programs. It was featured at a 2009 dinosaur exhibit in

Japan. The dinosaur itself is enormous. Dakota's body, fossilized into stone, weighs about 8,500 pounds (3,855 kilograms), and two other portions, including a tail and an arm, bring the total to about 10,000 pounds (4,535 kilograms).

Dakota had been on loan to the North Dakota Heritage Center until July 2015. The grand opening for the museum on the state Capitol grounds is slated for Nov. 2, the 125th anniversary of North Dakota statehood.



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Former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee dies

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ben Bradlee, the hard-charging editor who guided The Washington Post through its Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Watergate scandal and invigorated its newsroom for more than two decades, died Tuesday. He was 93.

Bradlee died at his home of natural causes, the Post reported.

As managing editor first and later as executive editor, the raspy-voiced Bradlee engineered the transformation of the Post from a sleepy hometown paper into a great national one. He brought in a cast of talented journalists and set editorial standards that brought the paper new respect. Bradlee got an early break as a journalist thanks to his friendship with one president, John F. Kennedy, and became famous for his role in toppling another, Richard Nixon, helping guide Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein's coverage of the Watergate scandal. "We shall not see his like again," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York said when Bradlee retired from the Post newsroom in 1991, adding that the editor's standards would endure "for ages hence."

Post publisher Donald Graham said then, "Thank God the person making decisions in the last 26 years showed us how to do it with verve and with guts and with zest for the big story and for the little story."

Actor Jason Robards turned Bradlee into a box-office hit with his Oscar-winning portrayal of the editor in the 1976 movie "All the President's Men." Bradlee's marriage in 1978 to Post star reporter Sally Quinn (his third) added more glamour to his image. He was one of the few to know the identity early on of the celebrated Watergate source dubbed Deep Throat, finally revealed publicly in 2005 as FBI official W. Mark Felt. □

Josh Radnor engages Broadway in 'Disgraced'

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For nine years, Josh Radnor played a hopeless romantic on TV's "How I Met Your Mother."

"It might be a nice litmus test. If your date doesn't want to talk about it afterward, you can go, 'This is not the right person for me,'" he says. "It's a con-

playing with big ideas.

"I always describe doing series television this way: You go to the gym every day but you're only allowed to work out your right arm," he

the whiny, weird loser of "How I Met Your Mother" who often bungled at love. "As charming and lovely as that stuff was, it just wasn't me. When I first started I was looking for points of identification with that character. I was like, 'Oh this is like me.' And as the show went on, I was like, 'Oh, this isn't like me.' It became more fun to play when I realized this guy wasn't me."

The real Radnor is fan of Grantland, who reads books like "The Metaphysical Club." He consulted with a real Whitney curator to get into character. While making the sitcom, he wrote, starred in and directed two movies — "Happythankyoumoreplease" and "Liberal Arts." He sends his director texts over the weekend about possible line changes. "Josh is a 24-hour thinker. Ideas are percolating around the clock," says Kimberly Senior, who directs "Disgraced" and had never seen his TV work before they met. "He never stops working."

Radnor's stage work includes taking over from Jason Biggs in "The Graduate" opposite Kathleen Turner and appearing with Neil Patrick Harris in Jon Robin Baitz's "The Paris Letter" in 2004 a few months before they would team up for the sitcom. □



Actor Josh Radnor arrives at the 2014 Film Independent Spirit Awards in Santa Monica, Calif. Radnor is on Broadway in Ayad Akhtar's "Disgraced," a blistering play about a dinner party that spirals into a shouting match about race, Islam and culture.

(Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP)

So he's the perfect person to ask if his latest project is a good for a date night. Radnor is on Broadway in Ayad Akhtar's "Disgraced," a blistering play about a dinner party that spirals into a shouting match about race, Islam and culture. He thinks for a moment before taking the bait.

versation-starter. Or it could be a relationship-ender. It depends on your circumstances." What's pretty clear is that Radnor seems eager these days to spark honest conversations after spending so long having his lines delivered with a laugh track. He's happily back in the theater again and he's

says over coffee. "So your right arm is really stacked. The rest of you is withering." In "Disgraced," the 40-year-old Radnor plays a curator at the Whitney Museum of American Art who spars with the dinner party's host and may not be all he appears to be. It's a far cry from playing Ted Mosby,

Toys R Us pulls 'Breaking Bad' collectible dolls

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NEW YORK (AP) — Toys R Us is pulling its four collectible dolls based on characters from AMC's hit series "Breaking Bad" after taking heat from a Florida mom who launched a petition campaign last week. The dolls are based on the series about Walter White, a high school chemistry teacher who turns into a crystal meth dealer, and his sidekick Jesse Pinkman. The figures have a detachable bag of cash and a bag of methamphetamines.

Toys R Us, which is based in Wayne, New Jersey, told The Associated Press late Tuesday that the dolls are

being removed immediately from its website and shelves.

"Let's just say, the action figures have taken an indefinite sabbatical," Toys R Us said in a statement. The retailer had maintained that the figures were sold in limited quantities in the adult-action-figure area of its stores.

The Fort Myers, Florida, mom, identified by news media as Susan Schrivjer, launched a petition on change.org last week, demanding that Toys R Us immediately stop selling the dolls. The mom, who wrote the petition under the name Susan Myers, said that the dolls are a "dan-

gerous deviation from their family friendly values."

"While the show may be compelling viewing for adults, its violent content and celebration of the drug trade make this collection unsuitable to be sold alongside Barbie dolls and Disney characters," she wrote.

As of Tuesday, the petition had 8,000 signatures.

On Monday, Bryan Cranston, the actor who played White, responded to the controversy, tweeting, "I'm so mad. I am burning my Florida mom action figure in protest."

The debate has also spurred die-hard adult figure collectors to rally be-

hind Toys R Us. Daniel Pickett, of Manhattan Beach, California, launched a petition on change.org in favor of the toy seller keeping the dolls. So far, it has collected nearly 3,000 signatures.

"I'm a parent of a school aged child myself, but I'm an informed, responsible parent and I closely monitor the toys, TV, music, movies and games that my daughter sees," Pickett wrote. "That's my job, and I take it seriously."

But I also like toys/action figures and I want 3-D representations of characters from my favorite properties and I love being able to walk into a store and find them." □

Oscar de la Renta, legendary designer, dead at 82

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NEW YORK (AP) — At his Fashion Week runway show in September, Oscar de la Renta sat in his usual spot: in a chair right inside the wings, where he could carefully inspect each model just as she was about to emerge in one of his sumptuous, impeccably constructed designs.

At the end of the show, the legendary designer himself emerged, supported by two of his models. He didn't walk on his own, and didn't go far, but he was beaming from ear to ear. He gave each model a peck on the cheek, and then returned to the wings, where models and staff could be heard cheering him enthusiastically.

De la Renta, who dressed first ladies, socialites and Hollywood stars for more than four decades, died Monday evening at his Connecticut home at age 82, only six weeks after that runway show. But not before another high-profile honor was bestowed on him: The most famous bride in the world, Amal Alamuddin, wore a custom, off-the-shoulder de la Renta gown to wed George Clooney in Venice. Photos of the smiling designer perched on a table at the dress fitting appeared in *Vogue*.

De la Renta died surrounded by family, friends and "more than a few dogs," according to a handwritten statement signed by his stepdaughter Eliza Reed Bolen and her husband, Alex Bolen. The statement did not specify a cause of death, but de la Renta had spoken in the past of having cancer.

"He died exactly as he lived: with tremendous grace, great dignity and very much on his own terms," the statement said. "While our hearts are broken by the idea of life without Oscar, he is still very much with us. ... All that we have done, and all that we will do, is informed by his values and his spirit."

The late '60s and early '70s were a defining moment in U.S. fashion as New York-based designers carved out

a look of their own that was finally taken seriously by Europeans. De la Renta and his peers, including the late Bill Blass, Halston and Geoffrey Beene, defined American style then and now.

De la Renta's specialty was eveningwear, though he also was known for chic daytime suits favored by the women who would gather at the Four Seasons or Le Cirque at lunchtime. His signature looks were voluminous skirts, exquisite embroideries and rich colors.

Earlier this month, first lady Michelle Obama notably wore a de la Renta dress

only by his generous heart. His legacy of philanthropy extended from children in his home country who now have access to education and health care, to some of New York's finest artists whose creativity has been sustained through his support."

De la Renta made just as big a name for himself on the Hollywood red carpet — with actresses of all ages. Penelope Cruz and Sandra Bullock were among the celebrities to don his feminine and opulent gowns. His clothes even were woven into episodes of "Sex and

lic at 18 to study painting in Spain, but soon became sidetracked by fashion. The wife of the U.S. ambassador saw some of his sketches and asked him to make a dress for her daughter — a dress that landed on the cover of *Life* magazine.

That led to an apprenticeship with Cristobal Balenciaga, and then de la Renta moved to France to work for Lanvin. By 1963, he was working for Elizabeth Arden couture in New York, and in 1965 he launched his own label.

He told The Associated Press in 2004 that his Hispanic

among his favorite diversions from work. "I'm a very restless person. I'm always doing something. The creative process never stops," he said.

As a designer, de la Renta catered to his socialite friends and neighbors — he and his wife, Annette, were fixtures on the black-tie charity circuit — but he did make occasional efforts to reach the masses, including launching a mid-priced line in 2004 and developing a dozen or so perfumes.

He was an avid patron of the arts, serving as a board member of The Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall, among others, and he devoted considerable time to children's charities, including New Yorkers for Children. He also helped fund schools and day-care centers in La Romana and Punta Cana in his native country.

The Dominican Republic honored de la Renta with the Order of Merit of Juan Pablo Duarte and the order of Cristobol Colon. In the United States, he received the Coty American Fashion Critics Award twice, was named womenswear designer of the year by the Council of Fashion Designers of America in 2000 and also received a lifetime achievement award from the CFDA — an organization for which he served as president in the 1980s.

Besides his own label, de la Renta spearheaded the Pierre Balmain collection from 1993-2002, marking the first time an American designed for a French couture house, and he was awarded the French Legion of Honor with the rank of commander. He also received the Gold Medal Award from the king and queen of Spain.

De la Renta gave up the title of chief executive of his company in 2004, handing over business duties to the Bolens, but he remained active and continued to show his collections during New York Fashion Week.

De la Renta also is survived by his son, Moises, a designer at the company.

De la Renta's first wife, French *Vogue* editor Francoise de Langlade, died in 1983. □



In this Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, photo, designer Oscar de la Renta takes a bow with models Karlie Kloss, left, and Daria Strokous, right, after his Spring 2015 collection is modeled during Fashion Week in New York. The designer de la Renta, a favorite of socialites and movie stars alike, has died. He was 82.
(AP Photo/Diane Bondareff)

for the first time. De la Renta had criticized her several years earlier for not wearing an American label to a state dinner in 2011.

Among Obama's predecessors favoring de la Renta were Laura Bush, who wore an icy blue gown by de la Renta to the 2005 inaugural ball, and Hillary Rodham Clinton, who wore a gold de la Renta in 1997.

"We will miss Oscar's generous and warm personality, his charm, and his wonderful talents," Bush said in a statement. "We will always remember him as the man who made women look and feel beautiful."

A statement from former President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, and Chelsea Clinton and Marc Mezvinsky, said: "Oscar's remarkable eye was matched

the City," with its style icon, Carrie Bradshaw, comparing his designs to poetry.

One actress who wore a de la Renta gown to this year's Oscars was Jennifer Garner. "Mr. de la Renta loved women," she said on Monday evening, wiping away tears. "And you saw it in every design that he did. He honored women's features, he honored our bodies. He wasn't afraid to pull back and let the woman be the star of the look."

De la Renta was also deeply admired by his fellow designers. "He set the bar," designer Dennis Basso said on Instagram Monday night. "But most of all he was a refined elegant gentleman."

The designer's path to New York's Seventh Avenue took an unlikely route: He left his native Dominican Repub-

roots had worked their way into his designs.

"I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant," he said.

While de la Renta made Manhattan his primary home, he often visited the Dominican Republic and kept a home there. *Vogue* Editor-in-Chief Anna Wintour was a frequent visitor.

"His designs reflected his extraordinary personality: optimistic, fun, sunny, romantic," Wintour wrote in a remembrance on Tuesday. "He always said accept your friends for who they are, not for who you want them to be. Oscar was everything you could want a friend to be."

He also had a country home in Kent, Connecticut, where he died Monday. Gardening and dancing were

The Ebola Scare



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I promised myself I wouldn't do it, but I did: While flying from D.C. to Dallas last week, just after the news came out that an Ebola-infected nurse had been allowed to fly while running a fever, I went back and read the opening pages of Stephen King's "The Stand."

In King's epic, perhaps his finest, a superflu with a 99.4 percent fatality rate accidentally escapes from a desert laboratory and lays waste to civilization. King being King, supernatural developments ensue for the survivors. But the book is at its most terrifying in the unraveling with which it opens, when the only bogeyman that matters is a hacking cough that spreads and spreads and spreads.

To reread these pages now - in a time of national, well, not panic but least disquiet over the handling of Ebola inside our borders - is to be struck both by parallels and by crucial differences between the scenario King conjured and what we fear today.

The parallels lie, not surprisingly, in the realm of official incompetence. King's superflu escapes because various computerized safeguards fail; it spreads because of interagency chaos in chasing down patient zero; it compromises a Centers for Disease Control facility whose safeguards turn out to be insufficient. The chaos swirling around the Dallas Ebola infections has followed this kind of pattern: the patient sent home undiagnosed; the unprepared hospital and the infected nurses; the CDC's weird slowness in taking over; the confident governmental assurances giving way to blame-shifting, double talk and the appointment of a political hack as Ebola princeps ... er ... sultan ... er, czar. But the differences are interesting as well. King's novel, infused with 1970s-era paranoia, imagines a government that blunders constantly but is also malignantly competent - brilliant enough to design a superflu capable of killing 99 percent of humanity, tyrannical enough to suppress media reports with martial law and murder, ruthless enough to swiftly spread the superflu behind the Iron Curtain to make sure our enemies go down with us.

This part of the novel's vision is of a piece with all of modern conspiracy culture, which requires a certain level of omniscience to sustain its theories about covered-up alien landings or 9/11 inside jobs.

But conspiracy culture, while always resilient, has had a tough go of it of late. From the Iraq War to Hurricane Katrina and various

Obama-era debacles, the public has been steadily conditioned to fear government incompetence much more than it fears secret conspiracies against the public good. Instead of the Bilderbergers and the Trilateralists and the cigarette-smoking man, it's Mike "heckuva job" Brown and George "slam dunk" Tenet and whoever was allegedly in charge of the VA hospital system who haunt our collective unconscious these days. People still indulge the occasional "House of Cards"-style fantasy of all-powerful political puppetmasters, but what actually scares us is the idea of the Ebola epidemic being managed by the gang from "Veep."

I suspect that's part of why Obama-era scandals that may actually involve secret government machinations - from the NSA revelations to the harassment of journalists and the politicized overreach of Lois Lerner's IRS division - haven't fixed themselves in the public imagination, at least among people who don't have an explicit ideological or political interest at stake. Wisely or not, Americans have trouble imagining the White House that gave us the Health-Care.gov rollout micromanaging partisan IRS chicanery, or the national security bureaucracy that couldn't see 9/11 or the Islamic State coming doing anything all that Machiavellian with a firehose's worth of online data. Likewise with Ebola: Of course you can find wild conspiracy theories, but the idea of a successful government cover-up - secret body bags, muzzled journalists - is basically laughable. Instead, the baseline anxiety is all about bureaucratic incompetence exacerbated by insouciance, with conservatives fearing that a liberal administration won't be willing to go far enough - in terms of travel restrictions and quarantines - to effectively contain the disease's spread.

Because plausible arguments have been offered for and against a travel ban, the administration's actual response will be an interesting case study. As much as the authorities have fouled up so far, we've only had a few infections. If the White House continues to resist calls for more dramatic measures, and we manage to contain Ebola domestically, then the president and his appointees will look more competent and levelheaded than their critics - a result that's all too rare these days.

Given the track record, however, it's easy to imagine somewhat less fortunate results, and travel restrictions increasingly seem like an appropriate hedge against ongoing domestic incompetence.

But it would be welcome, and then some, to watch a competent strategy unfold that rendered that opinion obsolete.

And then, our faith in government's effectiveness partially restored, we can all get back to worrying about what's being secretly cooked up in the Nevada desert. □

FIGHTING EBOLA



Failures of American Competence



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Et tu, CDC?

For years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been the most trusted agency in the federal government. In 2003, when Gallup did a survey to determine what the public thought of various federal agencies, the CDC topped the list, with 66 percent of respondents describing it as "excellent" or "good."

Last year, a similar Gallup poll showed that the CDC's approval rating had dropped to 60 percent, which was still better than any other agency. The CDC has seen the country through SARS and the swine flu virus. The general perception was not only that it did important, apolitical work, but that it was highly competent. "I used to call the CDC the shining star of federal agencies," says Lawrence O. Gostin, a global health expert at Georgetown Law.

And then came Ebola. The Ebola outbreak is not exactly enhancing the CDC's reputation for competence. At first, the agency reassured the public that American hospitals were ready to handle any Ebola cases that came their way. That has turned out not to be the case. When Thomas Eric Duncan was diagnosed with Ebola in Dallas, the CDC did not immediately fly in an expert team - something

that the CDC director, Tom Frieden, now says it should have done. Most recently, the CDC appears to have allowed one of the Dallas nurses who helped Duncan to take a flight from Ohio to Texas even though she had a slightly raised temperature. When it became clear that she had contracted the virus - the second nurse to do so - Frieden was forced to admit that letting her on the plane was a mistake.

Meanwhile, Frieden, a highly respected public health expert, had to walk back some of his remarks. Congress - including Democrats - appears dismayed by the mistakes. Perhaps the biggest one the CDC made was that its voluntary guidelines for treating Ebola patients were too lax. In The New York Times a few days ago, Donald G. McNeil quoted several experts saying the protocols established by the CDC were, in the words of one, "absolutely irresponsible and dead wrong." One important protocol is having a "site supervisor" watching for errors. The CDC has now included that guideline.

Are there extenuating circumstances? To hear infectious disease specialists tell it, the answer is yes. Like all federal agencies, the CDC saw significant cuts to its funding thanks to sequestration. Another expert, Marc Lipsitch of the Harvard School of Public Health, told me in an email that because the chances of Ebola being imported to the U.S. were considered low, preparing for it was not considered a good use of scarce public money.

"The budget cuts," he wrote, "have directly reduced preparedness."

In addition, the CDC, like many federal agencies, had its mission transformed after 9/11. Julie Gerberding, an appointee of the Bush administration, changed its emphasis to bioterrorism and other potential security threats.

"She also brought in efficiency experts who were anathema to scientists," says Laurie Garrett, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations and the author of the seminal 1994 book, "The Coming Plague." Morale plummeted, and many of its best scientists fled.

Fair enough. But it is also true that the CDC was too hubristic in its approach to Ebola, and the consequence is that its staff now looks like bumbling.

"They never challenged their own assumptions," says Dr. Richard Wenzel, an infectious disease specialist at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"This is an unforgiving virus," he added, "about which there is a lot we don't know."

The CDC's unfortunate habit of saying things as if they were certainties only to have to acknowledge that its judgment was questionable, Wenzel says, "can cause people to lose faith in the public health system."

When you think about it, many of the Obama administration's "scandals" have been failures of competence. The Secret Service let a man leap over the White House fence and get into the White House. The Veterans Health Administration covered up unconscionable delays in treating veterans. The error-ridden rollout of the Obamacare website was a nightmare for people trying to sign up for health insurance. The Republican right takes it as an article of faith that the national government can't do anything right. Problems like these only help promote that idea.

And now comes the CDC - the most trusted agency in government - thrust in a role for which it was designed: advising us and protecting us from a potential contagion. With every new mistake, it becomes, in the public eye, just another federal agency that can't get it right. □



Green Tomatoes Paired With Lamb

Braised lamb shoulder chops and sautéed green tomatoes with a touch of honey and anchovies in New York. Green tomatoes, often thought of the underachievers of the nightshade world, will happily take to any protein with a strong personality.

(Andrew Scrivani/The New York Times)

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To some tomato lovers, green tomatoes are the underachievers of the nightshade world. Never reaching their mature potential, they are not sweet, and they are not juicy. And if a ripe, sweet, juicy tomato is what you want, biting into a green one could just make you sad. That may be why most people fry green tomatoes: Fried anything never disappoints.

But comparing a green tomato to a ripe one is unfair. Green tomatoes have their own subtle charms that don't need to be submerged in hot oil to be enjoyed.

Eaten raw and thinly sliced into a salad, they are herbal and crisp. Pickled with salt and vinegar, they are tart enough to make you squint, with a more interesting flavor than the usual cucumber. Simmered with sugar and lemons, they

candy into an intense marmalade. And when sautéed in olive oil, they break down into a rich, tangy, chutney-like sauce.

In this recipe, I pair sautéed green tomatoes with lamb shoulder chops. If you like lamb but have never had a lamb shoulder chop, you should.

Although slightly less tender than the usual loin or rib chops, they're also a lot less expensive, making them ideal for weeknights. They also have a deeper, gamier flavor, in a very good way.

The key with shoulder chops is to cook them either fast and furiously or low and slow, searing them quickly and serving them rare or medium-rare, or braising them until they fall apart. Anything in between leaves them chewy.

If this makes you nervous, you could also try this recipe with more forgiving (but pricey) lamb loin or rib

chops, or even pork chops or rib steaks. The green tomatoes will happily take to any protein with a strong personality.

In any case, I like to briefly brown the meat, then cook the tomatoes in the flavorful drippings, adding just a touch of honey to balance the acidity and some anchovies for complexity. The whole thing goes quickly, cooking from start to finish in under 30 minutes.

You'll want to serve this with something - anything - to sop up all the good sauce on the plate. Polenta, rice or hunks of good bread will work.

And if you're still craving a sweet, juicy tomato, consider a salad of ripe ones on the side. But in this case, it's the green ones that will shine.

LAMB CHOPS WITH GREEN TOMATOES

Time: 30 minutes

Yield: 4 servings

4 (1-inch thick) bone-in shoulder lamb chops or boneless sirloin lamb chops
2 teaspoons ground coriander

1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, more as needed

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, more as needed

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, more as needed

2 large shallots, chopped

6 anchovy fillets

3 1/2 cups diced green tomatoes (2 to 3 tomatoes)

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 to 2 teaspoons honey, to taste

1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, for garnish

1. Season lamb chops with coriander, salt and pepper. If you have time, let meat rest at room temperature for 30 minutes, or in the refrigerator for up to 24 hours.
2. Heat a very large skillet over medium-high heat. Add oil; once it shimmers and runs all over the pan, add lamb. Cook meat, without

moving, until undersides are golden brown, about 2 minutes. Turn and cook other side until golden, about 2 minutes more. It should still be very rare inside. Transfer lamb to a plate.

3. Return skillet to heat and lower flame to medium. Stir in shallots and anchovies. Cook, stirring, until anchovies dissolve, about 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, garlic and a large pinch of salt. Increase heat to medium-high. Cook until tomatoes are almost softened, 7 to 10 minutes. Stir in honey. Taste and add more salt and pepper if needed.

4. Push tomatoes to side of skillet. Place lamb back in center of skillet. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook lamb to taste, about 2 to 3 minutes more for medium-rare (or longer if you like). To serve, spoon tomatoes over chops, garnish generously with basil and drizzle with more olive oil. □